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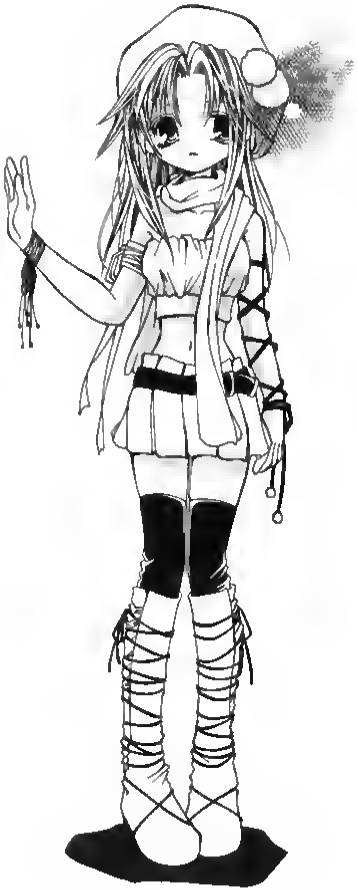

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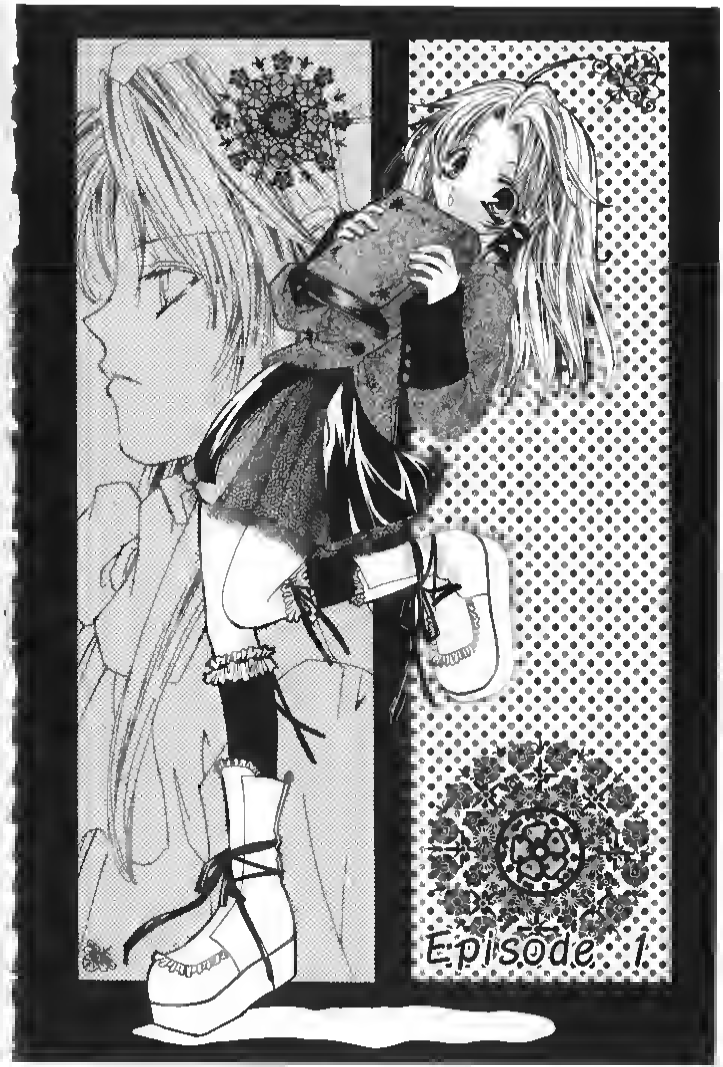
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY!
I'M GOING TO ENJOY IT TO THE FULLEST!

MY NAME IS MERLEAWE.
MORNING! I DID THANK YOU!!
GOOD MORNING MERLEAWE.
I CAME TO THIS MAGICAL KINGDOM TO STUDY AT ITS SCHOOL OF THE MAGIC ARTS WITH HOPES OF BECOMING A WIZARD
Did you sleep well?
ON THIS, MY FIRST DAY OF CLASS!
ALTHOUGH I'M NERVOUS, I KNOW I WILL DO MY BEST
TODAY, I'M OFF TO GET BOOKS...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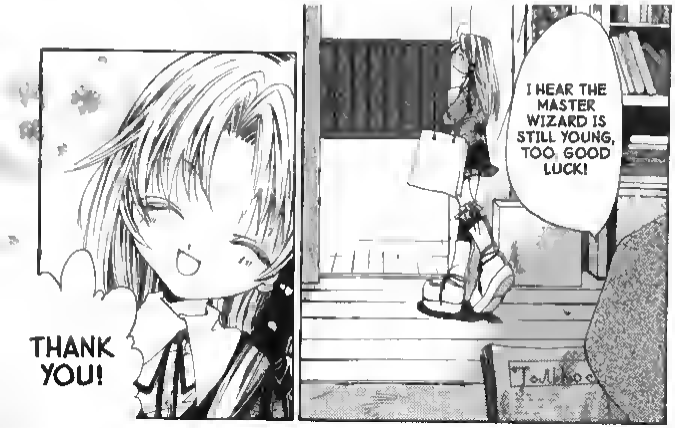
THANK YOU!
I HEAR THE MASTER WIZARD IS STILL YOUNG, TOO. GOOD LUCK!

THE MASTER WIZARD ...

I WONDER IF HE IS REALLY AS STRONG AS THEY SAY
I DID KNOW HE WAS AROUND MY AGE

OH NO!
SURELY, I AM NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MASTER, BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE IT MY ALL!

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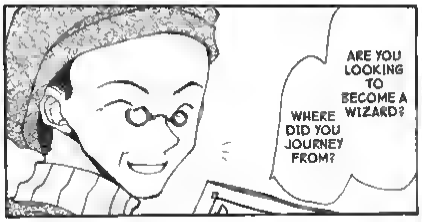
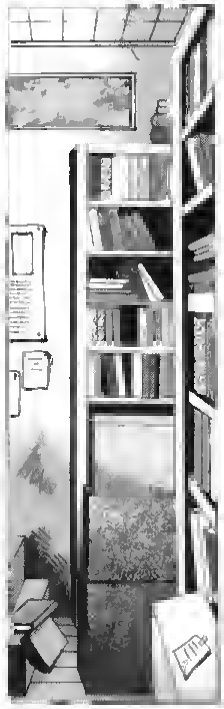

ARE YOU LOOKING TO BECOME A WIZARD?
WHERE DID YOU JOURNEY FROM?

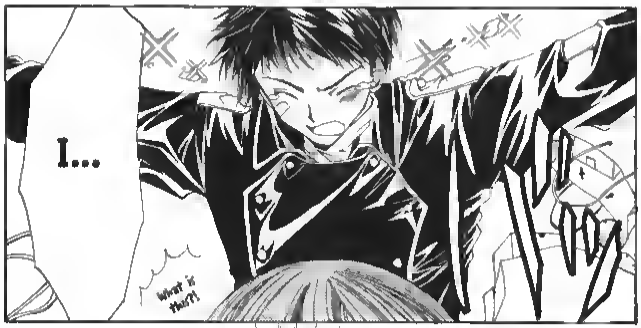


ESCATO, HUH? A LONG, LONG WAY YOU TRAVEL, THEN, TO GET HERE
HERE'S YOUR CHANGE

I AM AND I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM ESCATO!

I...
Eep!
?!
EH?!

SHOULD I DROP SOME OF THESE OFF AT HOME FIRST?
HMM I WONDER
AND I KNOW I WON'T BE NEEDING ALL OF THEM TODAY.
AFTER ALL, THESE BOOKS ARE VERY HEAVY.
I'M SORRY!
OH!
EXCUSE ME!

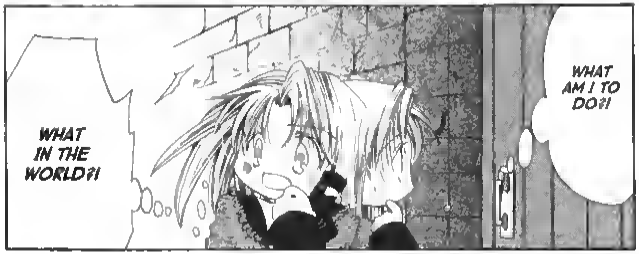

I...
what is that?!

HUH? WHERE DID SHE GO?
WHAT'S GOING ON?! IS HE A WEIROO?!!
Eeek
OH NO!

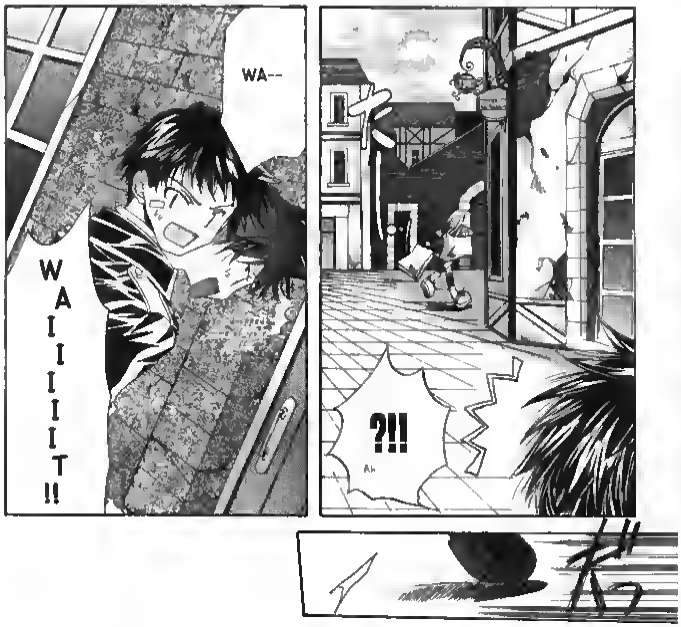
DID HE SOMEHOW BITE HIS TONGUE WHEN WE COLLIDED...?
HE IN PAIN?

WHY...
...IS HE CRYING?

DOES AN ADULT MAN REALLY WEEP UPON BUMPING INTO SOMEONE?
HUH? I CAN'T QUITE GRASP WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.


WHAT IN THE WORLD?!
WHAT AM I TO DO?!

UP SET?
VAITH? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO...
どさどさどさ
WAAGH!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
the dust
HE IS SO RUDE!
Hmph!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
thud thud thud thud


WA--
WAIIIIIT!!
?!!

HUH?
TABAK
BLUMEN

WHAT?
HUH?
YOU MUST HAVE MISTAKEN ME FOR ANOTHER!!
HUH?
EH?!
No!
HELP!!
IT'S OKAY
WAIT
SHE'S IN TROUBLE!
HEY! LOOK! THOSE TWO OVER THERE!
THAT GIRL!
HE WAS LOOKING FOR ME!
OR...
HE'S KIDNAPPING ME!

I PAID MY BILL AT THE BOOK STORES AND THE ART STORES.
WHY IS HE CHASING ME?!
COULD HE HAVE CONFUSED ME WITH SOMEONE ELSE?
I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG!
grab
EEEEEK!!

WHAT A CREEP!
TALK ABOUT RUDE!
WHA—?
YOU'RE PRETTY HEAVY...
...FOR ONE SO SMALL.
WELL, I AM CARRYING BOOKS!
WHAT?!
?!!
I KNEW YOU WERE TOO FLAT-CHESTED TO BE THAT HEAVY!
AH! THAT'S WHY!
Ah ha ha!

HOLD IT! YOU! STOP! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
...!
PLEASE! SOMEBODY, PLEASE STOP HIM! HE'S KIDNAPPING ME!
WHAT? WAIT. WHY DON'T THEY TRY TO STOP HIM?!
IDIOT! HE'S--!
OH.
HEY, YOU!
MOTHER! FATHER! FORGIVE ME. THAT I WAS UNABLE TO BECOME A WIZARD!
AM I TO BE SOLD BY HIM?

SO...
WHERE IS VAITH?
I HAVEN'T A CLUE!
HE JUST RAN OFF WITHOUT SAYING A WORD
THAT'S ODD.
HE SEEMED TO BE CHASING SOMEONE
Now that I think of it...
I FOUND HER!

I SIMPLY CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT A JERK VAITH IS!
MAKING ME CARRY HIS STUFF!
ESPECIALLY WHEN THESE THINGS ARE BIGGER AND HEAVIER THAN ME!
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO ENDURE THAT, FERN.

AH
I-
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DO I LOOK LIKE A BOY TO YOU?!
AH HA HA HA!
LOOK, GUYS. LOOK, SHE'S A GIRL!
A GIRL!
HUH?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE AT MY SCHOOL!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
WHO ARE YOU?! IS THIS A CASTLE?!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?!
.....

MY NAME IS GLENN. I SERVE AS A PRIEST IN THIS COUNTRY.
ALTNDUGN I UNOER-STANO YOUR CONFUSION COMPLETELY, I ASSURE YOU--WE ARE NOT BAO PEOPLE.
WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY STORY FOR A LITTLE WHILE?
BUT...
I REALLY OO NEEO TO GET TO CLASS.
WHAT DOES A GREAT MAN LIKE A PRIEST WANT WITH ME?
?!
I'M SORRY, BUT...
YOU CAN'T GO ANYWNERE JUST YET
PROBLEM? WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
TNIS IS AMAZ-ING!
DDES THIS MEAN WE CAN SOLVE TNE PROBLEM FOR NOW?
PLEASE FORGIVE MY FRIEND'S BEHAVIOR.
YOU MUST BE EXNAUSTED. PLEASE SIT DOWN.
I...

MEL! LET'S HEAD HOME TOGETH-ER!
WE'RE THINK-ING ABOUT STOP-PING BY A CAFE!
OKAY!
I'M IN!

WE--NO, OUR COUNTRY...
...NEEDS YOU RIGHT NOW
HUH?
...WE NEED YOUR FACE!
MORE LIKE...
MY...
...FACE?
WHAT?

UH-OH!
WHAT?
HOW ABOUT YOU, MEL?
RUE DE LA CROIX BLANCHE
UMM I COULD GO FOR SOME CHEESE-CAKE.
WHERE DO YOU GUYS WANT TO GO?
ANYWHERE THEY SERVE GOOD STRAW-BERRY PIE!
I WANT A MONT BLANC!
I AM SO SORRY!
PLEASE DO INCLUDE ME NEXT TIME!
EHH?
I THOUGHT WE'D FINALLY ALL HANG OUT.
I-I'M SO SORRY! I JUST NOW REALIZED I HAVE TO BE SOME-WHERE!

Episode. 2

DAARGH!!
I LOOK LIKE THE MASTER WIZARD?!
YOU SPEAK TOO LOUDLY!
You scared me!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? WHY THE LOUD VOICE?!
UM, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
That good
OH, OKAY.
DON'T WORRY. I PUT A KEKKAI AROUND US, VAITH.
Kekkai: a protective aura
MY NAME IS MERLEAWE
I ATTEND THE SCHOOL OF THE MAGIC ARTS, AND HOPE ONE DAY TO BECOME A WIZARD
I WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAD A NORMAL ACADEMIC LIFE--BUT NOW?
EHHHHHH?!

BUT...
WHAT?
THE MASTER WIZARD SYLTHFARN, WHOSE NAME HAS SPREAD OVER EVERY CONTINENT, HAS RECENTLY GONE MISSING
WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?
!
...THERE WOULD BE MASS CONFUSION.
IF THIS INFORMATION WERE REVEALED TO THE PUBLIC
WE CAN'T YET CONFIRM WHETHER HE IS ALIVE OR DEAD.

MISS MERLEAWE, I HAVE A GREAT FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
AND I MUST BEG YOU TO KEEP EVERYTHING I TELL YOU FROM NOW ON SECRET.
MERLEAWE
I STILL HAVEN'T ASKED YOUR NAME
MAY I PLEASE DO SO?
ALL RIGHT
OH...
IS FUNCTIONING WITHOUT ITS MASTER WIZARD.
RIGHT NOW, AS WE SPEAK, VIEGALD...

I can't believe I'm a boy!
...I AM A GIRL!
I'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN MY CLASSES-- I KNOW LITTLE MAGIC.
AND EVEN IF I DO LOOK LIKE HIM...
EVEN I MISTOOK YOU FOR THE MASTER. YOU WON'T BE EASILY REVEALED.
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
Fortunately, you are not a very sexy girl.
THAT MIGHT BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU!
UNTIL WE FIND HIM, WE WILL SUPPORT YOU IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY-- SO LONG AS YOU TRY TO BE JUST LIKE HIM.
WHAT?!
ASSUME THE ROLE OF THE MASTER?!
I COULD NEVER DO THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
Eh?
WHY NOT?
OH, I SEE.
WHAT KIND OF CONFUSION?
WAR?!
BASICALLY, WE EXPECT FULL-SCALE WAR.
UNTIL WE CAN FIND THE MASTER.
WE BEG YOU TO ASSUME HIS ROLE.

I UNDERSTAND. AND I WILL DO MY BEST.
ALTHOUGH I MADE A PROMISE..
..I OFTEN WONDER... CAN I REALLY DO THIS?

BUT I DIDN'T COME HERE TO SERVE AS A PHONY WIZARD!
I CAME TO BECOME A REAL WIZARD THROUGH MY STUDIES AT THE SCHOOL!
THERE IS A FAR BETTER TEACHER FOR YOU HERE
Probably
HIS MAJESTY IS QUITE WORRIED ABOUT THIS SITUATION.
..WITH THE MISSING MASTER WIZARD.
WHAT?
Oh?
PLEASE! HELP US.
I WILL DO MY BEST TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO TEND TO YOUR COURSES AT THE SAME TIME.

WHY MUST I BE THRUST INTO A SACK?!
?!
LET'S ROLL!
ALL RIGHT, THEN!
creak
ANY ONE?
NO-BODY'S HERE.
HELLO?
!
YO!
GOOO GIRL! YOU KEPT YOUR PROMISE!

OH.
HE IS FULLY DRESSED NOW, SIR!
GWA?!!
BUT YOU'RE SO NOISY
I had no choice
SORRY!
WE CAN'T LET ANYBOOY SEE YOU, SINCE ONLY A SELECT FEW KNOW ABOUT THIS.
STILL! YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PUT ME IN A BAG!

どすどすどす
stomp stomp stomp
OH! PLEASE WAIT!
ばたん
STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!
...THAT MASTER SYLTHFARN HAS RETURNED?!
I HEARD...
NOW WHO IS HE?!
OH.
MINISTER DIPLOMAS?!
WE CAN ALL BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF NOW!
Uh-oh.
squeeze
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE BACK SAFE!

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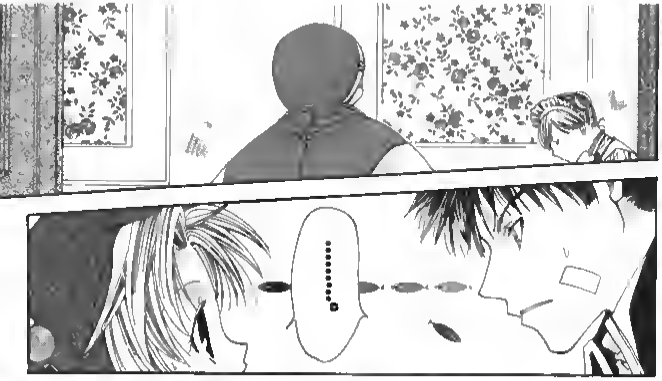
OH MY.
SYLTH.
るるる
VAITH.
HE MUST BE VERY WORRIED...
ABOUT THE MASTER WIZARD...
THIS IS PERFECT!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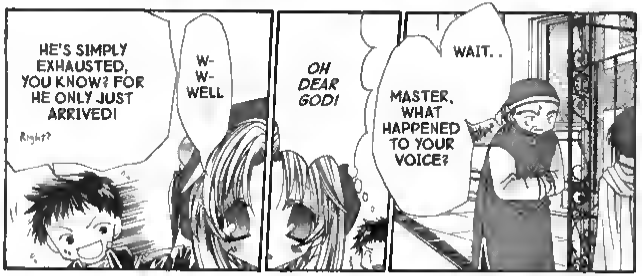
I can't believe he came all the way here to find me like this!
MY GOD, THAT WAS CLOSE!
I KNOW I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THAT
EVEN SO, EVERYTHING IS FINE NOW
WE SIMPLY NEED YOU TO LEARN MORE DETAILS ABOUT SYLTH.
THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH!

AM I DOING OKAY?
SURELY HE SEES RIGHT THROUGH ME!
PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGY
I DO WISH YOU HADN'T WORRIED

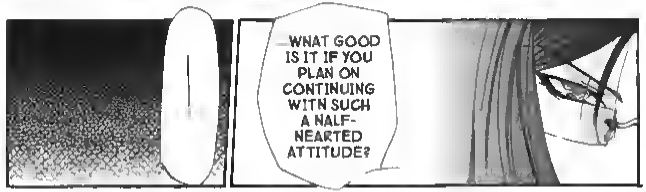

HE'S SIMPLY EXHAUSTED, YOU KNOW? FOR HE ONLY JUST ARRIVED!
Right?
W-W-WELL
OH DEAR GOD!
WAIT..
MASTER, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR VOICE?

WELL THEN, I'M OFF
OF COURSE! I UNDERSTAND
YES! THAT'S RIGHT.

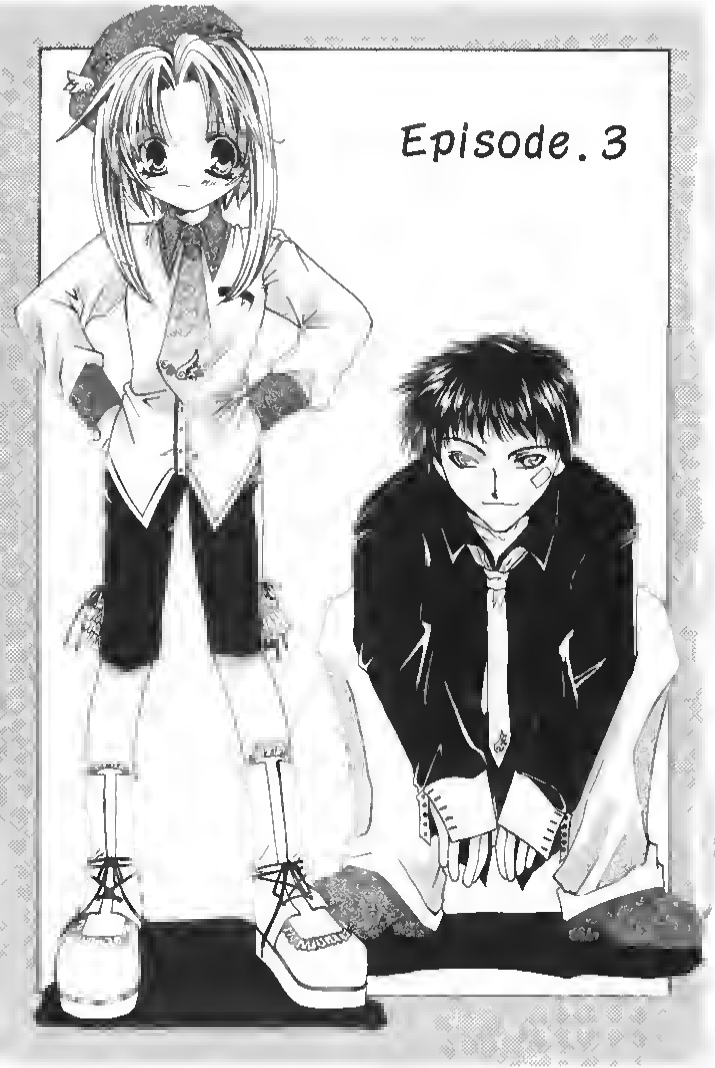
UNTIL THEN, REST AS MUCH AS YOU NEED
BUT PLEASE DO BE SURE TO FILL ME IN ON YOUR ADVENTURES LATER!

YOUR NAME IS MERLEAWE, CORRECT?
MINE IS YUE. AND I'M A FOLLOWER OF THE GREAT MASTER SYLTHFARN
Y..
YES!
THEREFORE, I MUST THANK YOU FOR ACCEPTING THIS TASK

BUT I DEMAND YOU DO IT WELL!
AND WHILE WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP


...
...WHAT GOOD IS IT IF YOU PLAN ON CONTINUING WITH SUCH A HALF-HEARTED ATTITUDE?

HIS SENSITIVITY TO THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS
HIS ATTENTIVENESS
HIS TONE OF VOICE.
HIS WELL MANNERED BEHAVIOR
YOU POSSESS NONE OF THAT!
ENOUGH!
SHE DID ALL RIGHT JUST NOW.
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU FOOLED HIM JUST NOW?
YOU AREN'T LIKE THE MASTER AT ALL!
!
HOW SCARY HE IS. WHO IS HE?
NAI I AM CERTAIN HE WOULD NAVE FIGURED THINGS OUT NAD YOU SAID EVEN ONE MORE WORD!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I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY
ALL IS MEANINGLESS UNLESS I DO A FLAWLESS JOB
HE SPEAKS ONLY THE TRUTH
YUE!
SHE IS DOING US A GREAT SERVICE THERE IS NO NEED TO BE SO HARD ON HER
NO, NO. HE IS RIGHT.
HE TRULY IS
ALL RIGHT. THEN
LET US CONSTRUCT A SERIES OF LESSONS TO MAKE YOU THE PERFECT IMPOSTER
FOR YOU MUST BE READY TO ATTEND THE DINNER PARTY NEXT WEEK

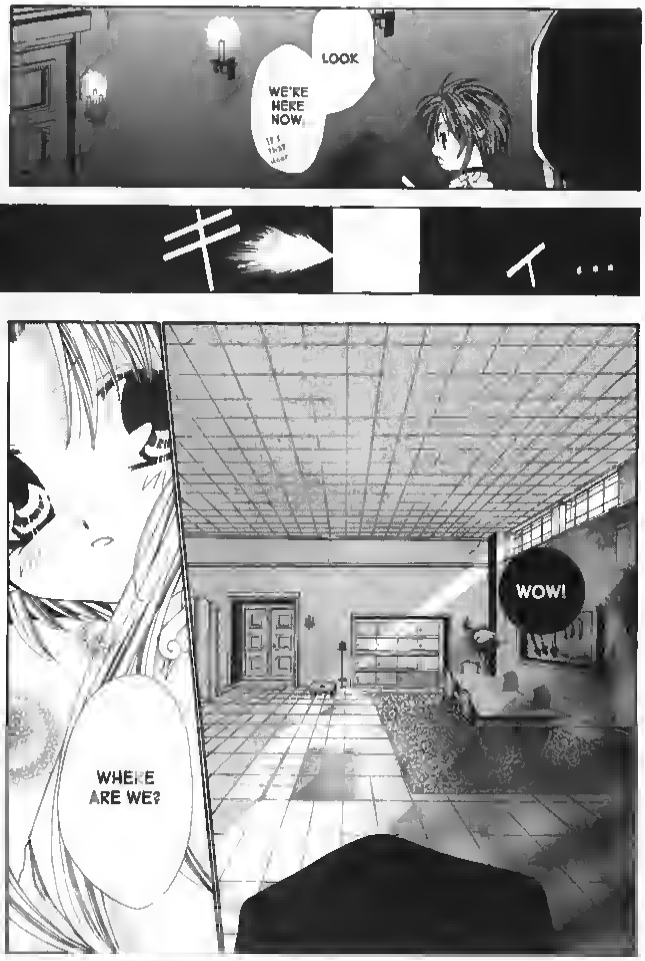
EEEK!!
UM?!
EH?
ALL RIGHT!
COME ON NOW GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES!
WE PROMISED TO MAKE YOU PERFECT BY NEXT WEEK, REMEMBER?
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! DON'T COME IN WITHOUT KNOCKING!!
FIRST OF ALL, THIS IS MASTER SYLTH'S ROOM.
SECOND, DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D HAVE A HOLIDAY SIMPLY BECAUSE YOUR SCHOOL IS OFF?
PLEASE GIVE ME THE BLANKET!

I SENSE MORE TROUBLES ON THE NORIZON
SHE'S ONLY A COM-MONER.
EVEN IF SHE CAN-HOT..
...SHE MUST!
HAVE YOU ANY FAITH THAT OUR LITTLE GIRL WILL RISE TO THE TASK?
I WORRY HOT ABOUT THAT.
MANNERS, BEHAVIORS, INTELLECTUAL CONVERSATION-- ALL WILL BE LEARNED WITH PRACTICE
COME. WE MUST GO
WHAT, THEN, DO YOU WORRY ABOUT?

YES.
THE MINISTERS TOLD HER THEY TALK FAR TOO MUCH!
UGH.
THE PRINCESS FOUND OUT HE'S BACK?
YOU WOULD NOT BE QUITE SO FORGIVING IF YOU WERE IN MY SHOES!
CALM DOWN THOSE OLD MEN ARE WEAK IN FRONT OF THE PRINCESS
SO IT IS
ISH'T IT TIME TO START A LESSON?
WE CAH'T WORRY ABOUT THE PRINCESS HOW

WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY IS HE ALWAYS ANGRY WITH ME?
SHH! I TOLD YOU.
WHAT?
STAIRS? TO THE UNDER GROUND?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
DON'T SAY ANYTHING UNNECESSARY.
WE NEVER KNOW WHO'S LISTENING!
..OH.
YOU'LL FIND OUT ONCE WE GET THERE.
OKAY.
AH!
WAIT FOR ME!
Going down

ARE YOU READY?
LET'S GO.
Vroom
creak
I WONDER WHAT I WILL HAVE TO DO IN THE LESSON
WILL I HAVE TO LEARN MORE MANNERS?
Sigh
THE PROPER WAY TO TALK, AND-- WHAT ELSE?

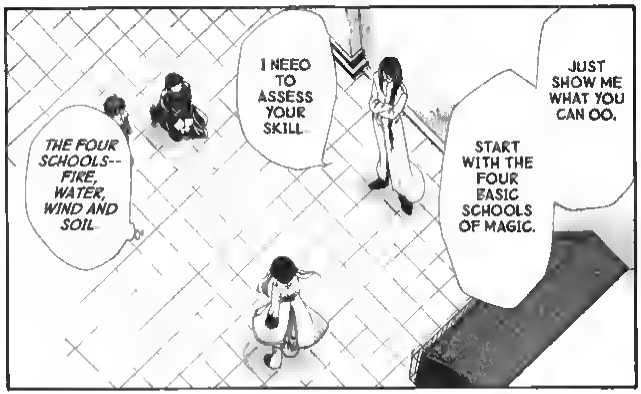

LOOK
WE'RE HERE NOW.
キイ…
WOW!
WHERE ARE WE?

THEN YOU MUST HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN THIS CASTLE!
I ENVY YOU.
NOT REALLY.
Hey
FERN, HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
SINCE I WAS FIVE
IT IS NOT YOUR PLACE TO BE SO NOSY ABOUT ME.
I HAVE NO NEED FOR FRIENDS.
YES, SIR.
FORGET ABOUT IT, OKAY?
NO NEED TO APOLO-GIZE.
well.
ぽん
I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT.
A ɜɜ....

YES!
FINE, LET US BEGIN THE LESSON!
whisper
I SEEM TO RECALL TNAT SYLTH WASN'T VERY GOOD AT WAKING UP IN THE MORNING EITNER
THAT WAS THE ONE FLAW IN HIS ALL MIGHTY PERFEC-TION
VAITH DO NOT SAY SUCH FOOLISH, UNNECES-SARY TNINGS
MERLEAWE BE ON TIME NEXT TIME.
Table Manner Course
.....
YOU ARE SO DUMB
OH NO
UM?
HUH?
Conversation Course
WE FEEL WONDER-FULLY - GREAT?
WE FEEL GREAT!
DEPENDS ON NIS MAJESTY, OR AT? IN?
Posture Course
NEVER STAND OR WALK WITN YOUR FEET POINTING INWARD!

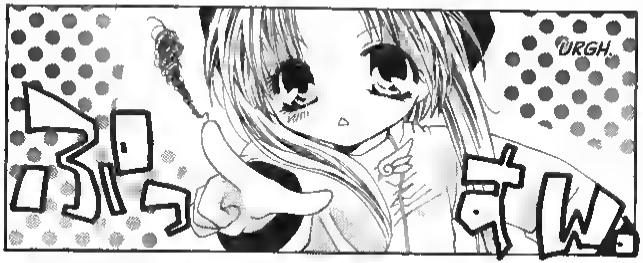
YOU ARE LATE!
SO THIS IS THEIR SECRET ROOM ♡
Wow
THIS IS OUR CONFERENCE ROOM.
IT'S JUST FOR US.
OH NO.
HA HA!
I AM TERRIBLY SORRY!
I HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WAKING MERLEAWE
G-G-GOOD MORNING, MR. YUE!
EEEEK! SO SCARY! AND MAD AGAIN!

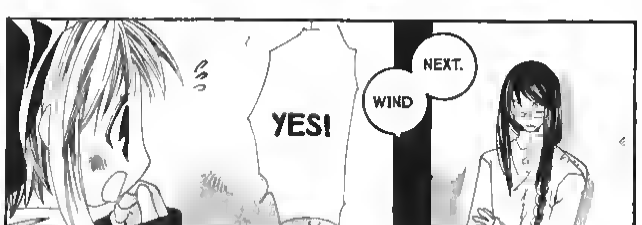
OHHHH!
clap clap clap clap
NOW MERLEAWE...
COULD YOU SHOW US YOUR MAGIC?
WHAT?
BUT I STILL REALLY DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH ABILITY!

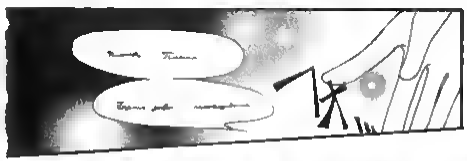

I NEED TO ASSESS YOUR SKILL.
JUST SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO.
THE FOUR SCHOOLS--FIRE, WATER, WIND AND SOIL.
START WITH THE FOUR BASIC SCHOOLS OF MAGIC.

MEL?
THIS IS PRETTY TOUGH.
AND THESE SKILLS WON'T BE NEEDED FOR MY LIFE AS A REGULAR PERSON.
YOU MUST REVIEW THESE LESSONS EVERY MORNING AND EVERY NIGHT!
YES, SIR
Y...

RIGHT?
I PROMISED I WOULD DO MY VERY BEST!
GO!
HEY...
BESIDES!
BUT ONE NEVER KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN. I JUST MIGHT USE THEM IN THE FUTURE.
I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE HERE, AFTER ALL.







BEGIN WITH A FIRE ATTRIBUTE.

I...
I'VE ONLY JUST STARTED AT MY SCHOOL!
THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING!
WOW. ARE YOU SERIOUS...
ABOUT BECOMING A WIZARD?
GYA HA HA HA!
WHY, YOU HAVE NO SKILL AT ALL!

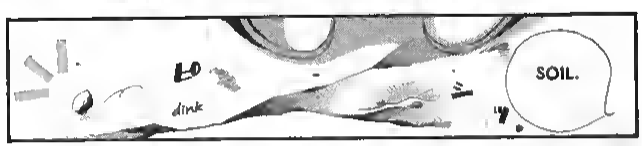
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU DO BETTER
STARTING RIGHT NOW
I'M GONNA GET BETTER
SOME EXCUSE!

PLEASE SHOW US SOMETHING ANYTHING
DO YOU HAVE ANY MAGIC THAT YOU ARE GOOD AT? MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT IT IS
MERLEAWE...
y-y-YES!

OH.
fwip

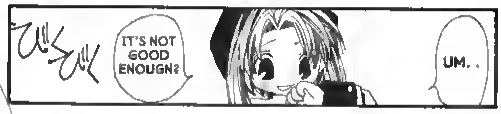
drip
Oh dear.
WATER.

.....


dink
SOIL.

!

EH? JUST POPPING OUT FLOWERS?
1 SEE.
FLOWERS?

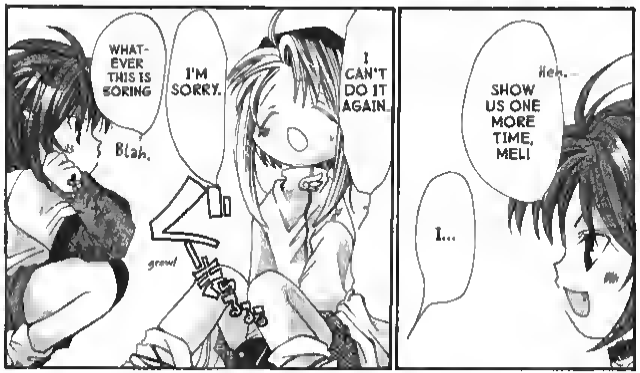

IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
UM. .

THAT'S PRETTY TOUGH MAGIC.
I SEE.
IT SEEMS MY FUTURE IS NOT VERY PROMISING.
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
NO IT'S TRUE.

LET ME SEE..
OKAY, THEN.

GREAT TIMING!
GLENN!
They smell wonderful!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
GOOD LUCK, MEL!
See ya!
THE PRINCESS?
THE PRINCESS CALLED YOU, VAITH.
NO WAY!
Are you serious?
EXCUSE ME!
MR. YUE!
I ALSO MUST LEAVE NOW THERE IS MUCH BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF.

...SHE DID CREATE THE SPELL OF THE FLOWER.
SHE FAILED TO SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOY THE FOUR BASIC MAGICS BUT STILL


WHAT-EVER THIS IS BORING
Blah.
I'M SORRY.
growl
I CAN'T DO IT AGAIN.
Hee...
SHOW US ONE MORE TIME, MEL!
I...

WHY DON'T YOU GUYS TAKE A BREAK?
I BAKED SOME SCONES.

I WANT TO BE A WORTHY SUBSTI-TUTE.
IF YOU INSIST.
UH, COULD YOU GIVE ME A LESSON AGAIN LATER?
I WOULD SO LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE THE PROPER MAGIC!
WOW. WHAT A COMMENDABLE ATTITUDE
THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I REALLY AM GOING TO DO MY BEST!
WATCH ME!

I'M SO SLEEPY
.....
THERE-FORE, THIS MAGIC IS. .
.....
OH NO! NOW I CAN'T SEE THE BLACK BOARD WELL!
FINALLY, IT'S OVER!
WE WILL CONTINUE NEXT CLASS

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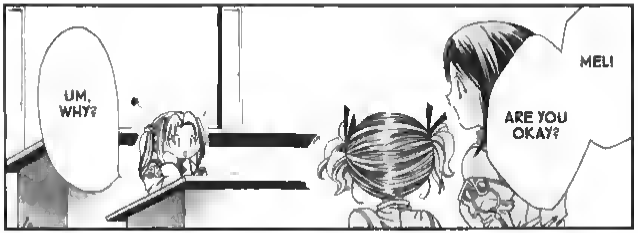
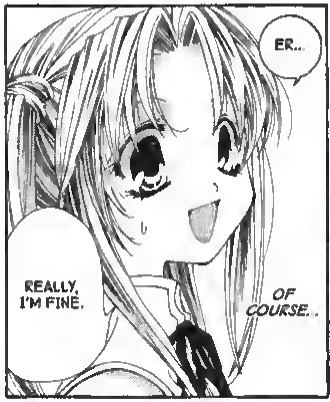

UM, WHY?
MEL!
ARE YOU OKAY?


ER..
REALLY, I'M FINE.
OF COURSE..

BEING OUT SICK FOR THREE DAYS IS A BIG DEAL
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU LOST SOME WEIGHT, TOO
YOU SEEM HALF AWAKE ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?

BUT I CAN'T GIVE UP! NOT WHEN I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD THEM I COULD DO IT!
?
...I LOOK LIKE THIS 'CAUSE I'M BEING WORKED TO THE BONE!

I WONDER IF I EVEN IMPROVED JUST A LITTLE.
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME BEFORE THE DINNER PARTY.
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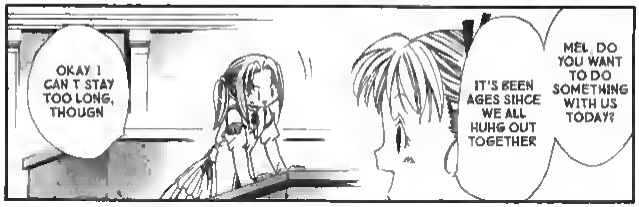
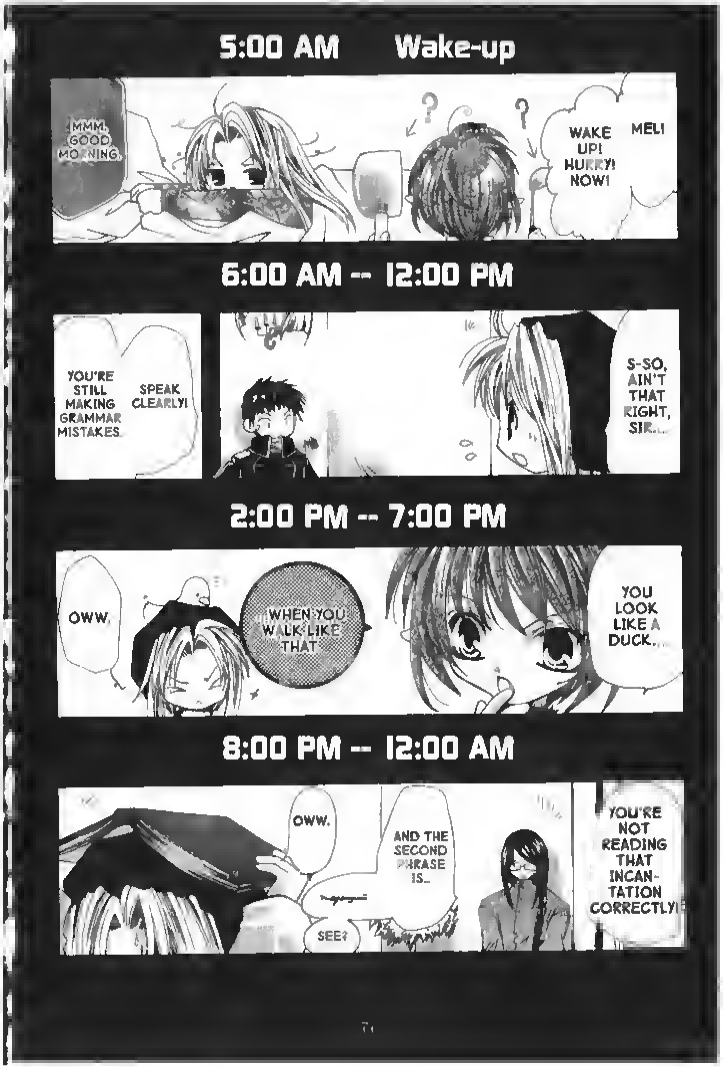
Bedtime 2:00 AM
WORN OUT.
Snoooze...


OKAY. I CAN'T STAY TOO LONG, THOUGH
IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE WE ALL HUNG OUT TOGETHER
MEL, DO YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH US TODAY?

I KNOW ONLY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT IT.
REALLY? THAT SOUNDS EXCITING!
THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE SO MANY EVENTS GOING ON AROUND THE CASTLE RIGHT NOW.
THERE WILL BE A GRAND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE KING NEXT WEEK.


5:00 AM Wake-up
MMM. GOOD MORNING.
WAKE UP! HURRY! NOW!
MEL!
6:00 AM -- 12:00 PM
YOU'RE STILL MAKING GRAMMAR MISTAKES.
SPEAK CLEARLY!
S-SO, AIN'T THAT RIGHT, SIR...
2:00 PM -- 7:00 PM
OWW.
WHEN YOU WALK LIKE THAT
YOU LOOK LIKE A DUCK...
8:00 PM -- 12:00 AM
OWW.
SEE?
AND THE SECOND PHRASE IS...
YOU'RE NOT READING THAT INCANTATION CORRECTLY!

OF COURSE! THOSE MUST BE FOR THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF THE KING!
OH!
SUCH A FINE CHARIOT!
REALLY?
I HEAR THAT LOTS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES ARE COMING
THERE WILL BE ALL KINDS OF BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS FOR HIS PARTY! MUSICIANS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WILL PLAY THEIR FINEST MELODIES
OUR SCHOOL WILL BE OFF, TOO! I SO LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYTHING! ♡
IT IS FAMOUS THROUGH ALL OF VIEGALD
ON THE EVE OF THE FESTIVITIES, THERE'S A PARADE
I'M GETTING NERVOUS
I...
THAT DINNER PARTY I'M TO ATTEND MUST BE THE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR THE KING! IT SOUNDS LIKE SUCH A HUGE DEAL
MEL?
OH! WELL, IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT? HA HA!
EH?!
WHY ARE YOU GETTING NERVOUS?

I Think it's cute!
Wow! It's big
What do you think?
YES! IT'S SO EXCITING! ♡
THE TOWN WHERE I COME FROM IS VERY SMALL
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN TO THE CITY, MEL?
I HAVE TO ADMIT I FIND THIS CITY VERY ROWDY!

HEY! LOOK, LOOK! THEY ARE SO COOL!
THOSE ARE THE BLACK KNIGHTS, AREN'T THEY? TALK ABOUT COOL!
EH?
THEY ARE ALL SO HAND-SOME!
HUH?
WOW! THE BLACK KNIGHTS!
VAITH?
ISN'T THAT

EH? WHAT? ME?
OH MY GOD! IS EVERY THING GOING TO BE OKAY?
!
DO THEY KNOW THE MASTER WIZARD?!
I SEE.
NO, NO WAY! I CAME ALL THE WAY FROM ESCATO! I WOULDN'T KNOW HIM!
MUST BE CON-FUSED
ME?!
WHAT?!
NO WAY!
DO YOU KNOW HIM, MEL?
HEY.
DIDN'T THAT GUY BOW TO YOU JUST NOW?

...STRONG!!
HE'S...

VAITH
Ha
AREN'T THEY COOL?
IT'S JUST
clang
EH?!
WAH!

OH NO!!
YES!
NOW ARE YOU, LADIES?
ENJOYING YOUR BIG DAY IN THE CITY?

PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME TALK TO HIM!
RIGHT? MEL?
Y-YEAH
THERE ARE SO MANY RARE THINGS IN THE SHOPS! AND I DO ENJOY THE CITY SO MUCH!

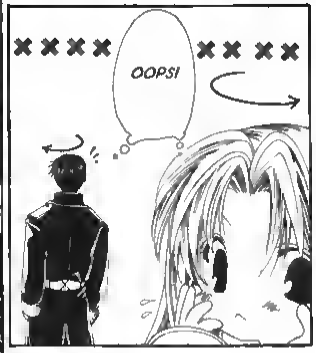
WE WILL! ♡
THAT'S WONDERFUL!
PLEASE ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR AFTERNOON IN THIS FAIR CITY!

Why am I so excited to see him?

I'M SAD TO SAY THAT HE'S A CHEATER.
WHAT?!
YOU GUYS ARE FOOLS.
I OIDN'T TELL YOU YOU COULDN'T USE IT EITHER.
Ugh!
MR. VAITH!
YOU DIDN'T TELL US WE COULD USE THE MAGICAL SWORD!

YES, SIR!
I'LL ROUND YOU UP LATER!
Don't forget!
ALL RIGHT, GUYS! BACK TO YOUR STATIONS!

Oh?


OOPS!

LATE AGAIN! I HAVE TO HURRY!
I won't be there on time!
SHE'S MY CLASS-MATE.
THE ONE WHO SEEMS SLOW.
I forget her name.
IS THE CASTLE!
THE ONLY THING IN THAT DIRECTION..

I WAS JUST SURPRISED.. HE LOOKED DIFFERENT FROM USUAL.
DEFIN-ITELY!
YES!
THAT KNIGHT WAS SO HANDSOME AND SWEET!
HEY! MEL?
I MUST GO HOME NOW!
THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING ME TO THE CITY WITH YOU!
OH!
I DON'T KNOW, EITHER. LET'S ASK HER TOMORROW
HO-
HEY, GUYS? DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHERE MEL LIVES?
Have you ever asked her?

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE IN THE BLACK KNIGHTS
UM VAITH?
YEP.
DO I HAVE TO WEAR A WIG TODAY? IT'S AN AFRO!
HOW MODEST.
OH, DON'T WORRY! THAT WILL NEVER HAPPEN!
TRY NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME
.....

HEY!
YOU'RE LATE!
huff
huff
YOU DID, I MUST ADMIT, AT LEAST TRY.
I'M SO SORRY!
NOW...
LET'S GO!
!

AND THAT GUY WAS THE HEAD OF THE BLACK KNIGHTS ..

NOT SOMEONE TO WHOM A REGULAR CITIZEN CAN TALK TO EASILY..

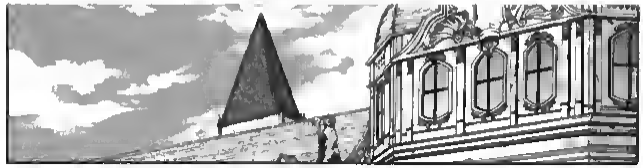
AND YET, IT SEEMED LIKE HE CAME OUT TO GET HER

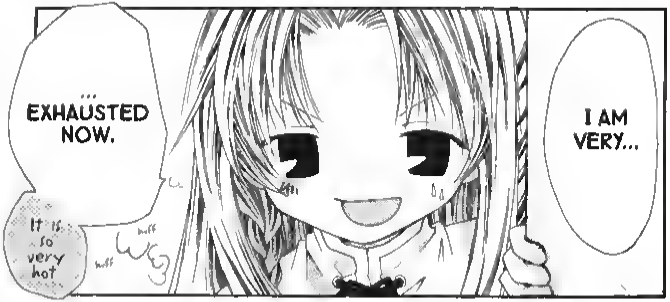
HEY, MEL!
HI!
WHERE DO YOU LIVE, MEL?
EH?
WELL, I LIVE AT MY AUNT'S HOUSE.
SHE'S VERY BUSY AND I ALWAYS HAVE TO HELP HER SO WE DON'T STAY AT HOME MUCH.
CAN WE VISIT YOUR HOME IF IT'S CLOSE TO OUR SCHOOL?
WE KNOW YOU DON'T LIVE IN A DORM

GREAT! ♡ WE CAN'T WAIT!
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS ANYMORE!
I'LL ASK IF I CAN INVITE YOU OVER TO THE HOUSE SOON, OKAY?
REALLY? SO THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS RUSH HOME QUICKLY... TO HELP YOUR AUNT?
YES! That's right!
!
YAITH AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ME!
See you!

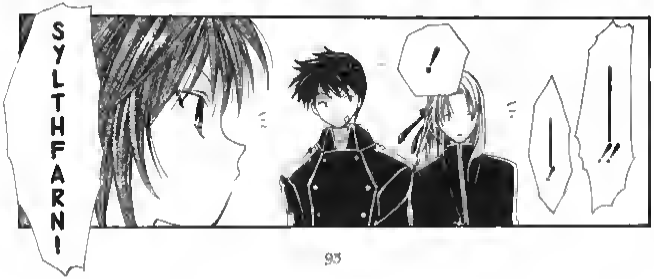
SCUFF
?!
SORRY
Pant.
SHE'S GONE.
I LOST HER!
That hurt Too.
WAH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WAAHH!

SHH!
MEL! I CAME TO PICK YOU UP, BUT SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING YOU!
I'M SORRY
AH!
WHAT?! FOLLOWING ME? WHO?!
ACT CASUAL AND TURN AT THE NEXT CORNER
LADY, DO BE CAREFUL!
OKAY.




...
EXHAUSTED NOW.
I AM VERY...
It is so very hot

PUTTING ME THROUGH ALL THIS!
VAITH MUST ENJOY
.....
FINE.
I'LL HEAR YOUR COMPLAINTS LATER
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT


SYLTHFARN!
!
!!

I GOT IT FROM VAITH
HERE, PUT THIS ON.
MR. GLENN.
THAT WAS CLOSE, WASN'T IT?

WON'T ATTRACT MUCH ATTENTION
Camouflage it's a perfect plan!
WITH ALL THE EVENTS GOING ON, A CLOWN OR STUFFED ANIMAL...
?!!
WHAT IS THIS?!
BE CAREFUL OUT THERE.
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.
I WON'T.
...GIVE UP!
I'M TO DISGUISE MYSELF AS A STUFFED ANIMAL?!

SYLTH!
HELLO?
EH?!
WHO IS SHE?
!

SYLTH!!
PRINCESS!
!!!
DON'T COME, MEL NOT NOW
YOU CAN'T! DON'T! PLEASE!
WHERE IS HE?
WHY DIDN'T YOU GUYS TELL ME ..
.. THAT SYLTH-FARN WAS BACK?!
OKAY!
TRANS-FORMA-TION DONE! ♡
I WONDER WHY THEY'RE BEING SO NOISY OUT THERE

YOU'RE A STICK IN THE MUD!
T-T-THIS GIRL IS THE PRINCESS? SHE'S LIKE EIGHT YEARS OLD!
I AM SO GLAD THAT YOU'RE HOME SAFE, SYLTH.
BUT I AM A TAD MIFFED YOU DIDN'T COME TELL ME PERSONALLY OF YOUR RETURN!
I AM YOUR FIANCÉE, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?!
SHE'S SO TINY AND CUTE

I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!
??
WE ARE IN SOME SERIOUS TROUBLE THIS TIME!
OH NOOOO!
RUNNING AROUND THE CASTLE, IGNORING EVERYONE'S WARNINGS!
SUCH BEHAVIOR!
DO YOU NOT THINK THAT THIS IS DISGRACEFUL BEHAVIOR FOR THE GRAND-DAUGHTER OF THE KING?
PRIN-CESS SERA-PHIA?

OO YOU RECALL MY SEVENTN BIRTNDAY PARTY?
I WAS STILL SUCH A KLUTZ AT DANCING THEH.
WNILE YOU WERE AWAY, I WORKED ON MY OANCING A LOT!
THIS GIRL
...GOOD AT IT!
AND NOW, I'M REALLY, REALLY...
I REMEMBER TNAT! TALK ABOUT A OISASTER YOU TRIED TO ACT LIKE YOU WERE ALL MATURE OR SOMETHING!
AND THEN YOU SLIPPED ON THE DANCE FLOOR!
I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DANCE WITH YUE, SINCE SYLTH WASH'T THERE FOR ME!
BUT THE VAST DIFFERENCE IN THE LENGTH OF LEGS CAUSED SOME TROUBLES!

WE FORGOT TO TELL HER..
NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!!
SILENCE...
DID YOU EVEN KNOW NOW LONG SYLTH WAS NANGING AROUND WITN THE PRINCESS?
HEY, GUYS?
whisper
THIS IS NOT GOOD.
HEY, SYLTH...
HOW ABOUT YOU, YUE?!
!

I WANT TO CHAT WITH SYLTH!
VAITH! FERN! PLEASE BE QUIET!!
PRINCESS
NO!
THIS GIRL REALLY BELIEVES THAT I AM THE MASTER WIZARD?
CALL ME...
SERAPHIA!
EH?
I...
WHY DO YOU NOT DO AS I ASKED?!
I ASKED YOU TO ALWAYS CALL ME BY MY NAME!

I'M OFF TO MY ROOM NOW.
I'M SORRY.
I AM BEING SO DISHONEST WITH HER.
SYLTH?
PLEASE GIVE ME A KISS.
UM, WELL...
WHAT?
EH?!
Give her a kiss?!

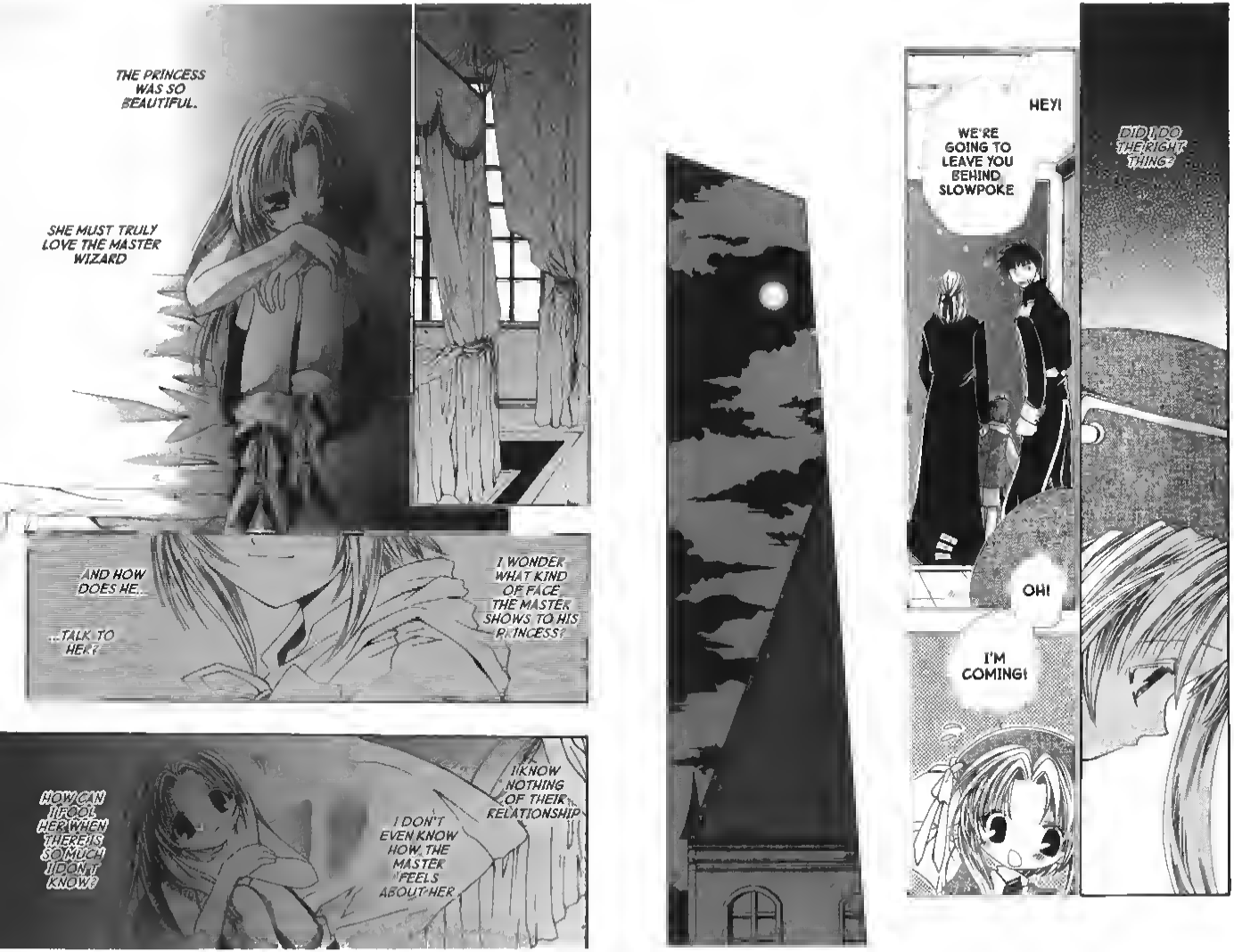
I'M SORRY...
...SERAPHIA.
PLEASE DON'T CRY.

UM...
IS IT BECAUSE I AM STILL A CHILD?!
OR PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE OUR FUTURE BETROTHMENT WAS FORCED UPON YOU BY MY GRANDFATHER--THE KING?!
DON'T YOU WANT TO KISS ME?!
drip
drip
SURELY THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU DON'T LOVE ME, DO YOU?

!
SYLTHFARN?
Hee!
I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH! ♡
YOU ARE SO SWEET!
THAT'S MY SYLTH!
へーロ

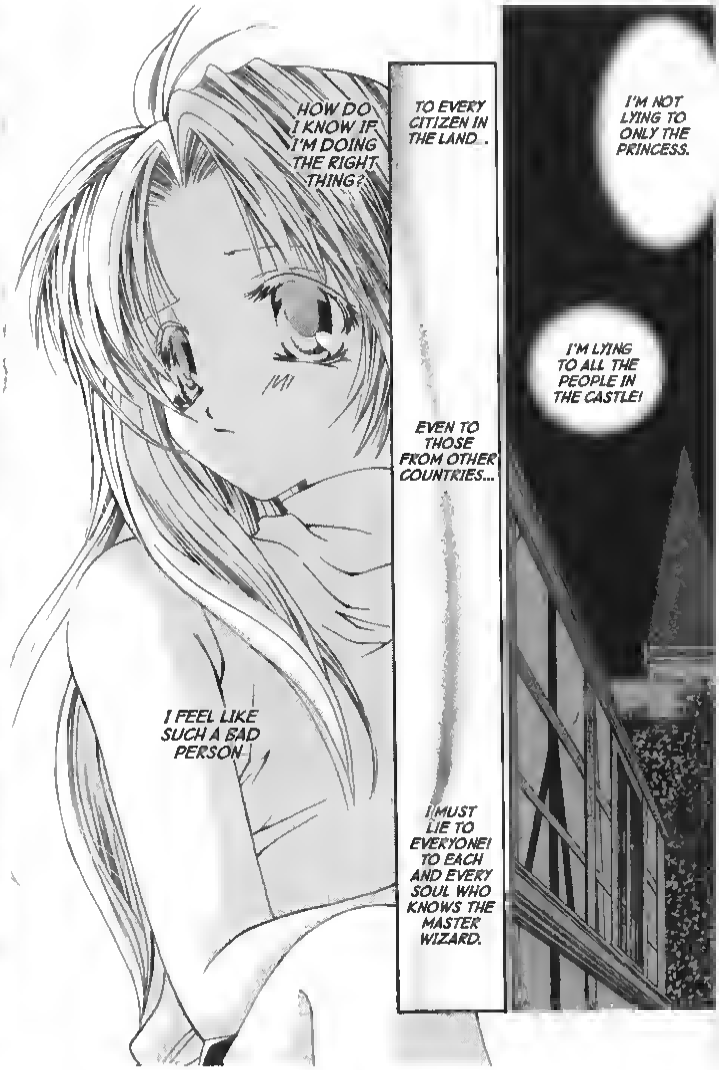
I KEALLY KISSED HER!!
Even though it was on the cheek
WOW.
SYLTH!
LET'S HAVE AFTERNOON TEA IN MY ROOM SOON! ♡
FINE.
SHE MIGHT BE OKAY.

I WAS SO NERVOUS
I FEARED IT WAS THE VERY END
WELL, WELL, WELL...
AREN'T YOU QUITE THE PLAYBOY!
OH, STOP!
SHE MAY BE ALL RIGHT FOR THE TIME BEING. THE PRINCESS BELIEVED HER TO BE SYLTHFARN
LEAVE ME ALONE!


THE PRINCESS WAS SO BEAUTIFUL.
SHE MUST TRULY LOVE THE MASTER WIZARD
AND HOW DOES HE...
...TALK TO HER?
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FACE THE MASTER SHOWS TO HIS PRINCESS!
HOW CAN I FOOL HER WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH I DON'T KNOW?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW THE MASTER FEELS ABOUT HER.
I KNOW NOTHING OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP
HEY!
WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND SLOWPOKE
OH!
I'M COMING!
DID I DO THE RIGHT THING?

KNOCK KNOCK

SYLTH?
ARE YOU READY?
YES.


I'M NOT LYING TO ONLY THE PRINCESS.
I'M LYING TO ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CASTLE!
TO EVERY CITIZEN IN THE LAND...
EVEN TO THOSE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES...
I MUST LIE TO EVERYONE! TO EACH AND EVERY SOUL WHO KNOWS THE MASTER WIZARD.
HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING?
I FEEL LIKE SUCH A BAD PERSON.

TOPIC
I SEE.
IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING YOU ONLY HAVE TO GREET WELL-WISHERS AT THE CELEBRATION.
YES!
Preparation! Preparation!
I FEEL I SHOULD PREPARE A TOPIC FOR THE PARTY BECAUSE SURELY I WILL HAVE TO CONVERSE WITH OTHER PEOPLE.
CAN I TAKE YOUR SILENCE TO MEAN...
OF COURSE, THAT'S ASSUMING NOTHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS.
JUST DON'T SPEAK ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY, AND PLEASE-- TRY TO BEHAVE.
...I'M ALREADY PREPARED ENOUGH?!

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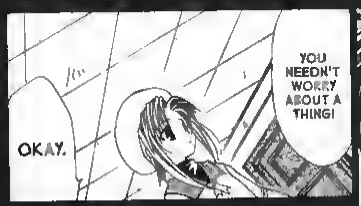
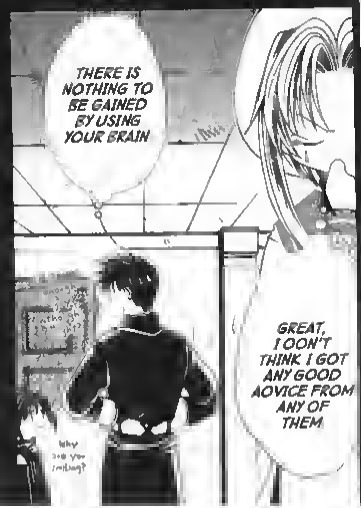
THANK YOU!
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, MERLEAWE
WE WILL BE RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

I KNOW IT'S BAD TO LIE ABOUT BEING THE MASTER.—
ALL THE SAME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW AND TIME IS PASSING BY.
BUT...

HMPH.
YOU MIGHT GIVE YOURSELF AWAY WITH FOOLISH CHATTER.
WHAT?


OKAY.
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT A THING!

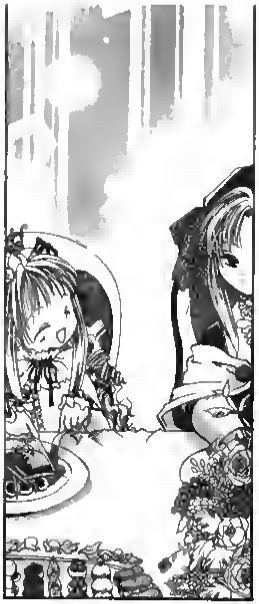
THE MOMENT YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE IN TROUBLE...
JUST ACT AS THOUGH YOU'RE FEELING SICK AND FAINT.
THEN I, THE BLACK KNIGHT, WILL COME TO YOUR RESCUE.


THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY USING YOUR BRAIN
GREAT, I DON'T THINK I GOT ANY GOOD ADVICE FROM ANY OF THEM

GOOD EVENING.
I'M THE MASTER WIZARD, SYLTHFARN
I'VE COME TO CONVEY MY HUMBLE ADORATION AND UTMOST RESPECT.

FOR NOW I AM THE MASTER WIZARD SYLTHFARN
YES.
FOR THE MOMENT...
I CAN ONLY TAKE CARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE ME.
WE'RE HERE NOW.

I HAVE HEARD EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU FROM YUE.
I AM SORRY YOU HAD TO ENDURE SUCH HARDSHIPS.
I TOLD HIS MAJESTY THAT YOU LEFT TO INVESTIGATE SOMETHING SECRETLY
I NEVER MEANT FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME
I AM SO SORRY.
HE SEEMS SO WARM AND KIND
GRAND-FATHER!
YES.
THE KING?!
COME OVER HERE.
ENCHANT-ING TO SEE YOU, SYLTHFARH.
THIS ROOM IS SO SPACIOUS AND HAS SUCH A LUXURIOUS INTERIOR!!
NEVER MIND
HOW BLESSED I AM TO BE INVITED TO AN EVENT OF SUCH IMPORTANCE AS HIS MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY
I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS MEMORABLE DAY.
I TRUST THAT HIS MAJESTY IS HAVING A PLEASANT TIME AND FEELING WELL
ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT
ENOUGH TIRED FORMAL-ITIES.
LET ME SEE YOUR FACE



YET EVEN YOU CAN'T DENY THAT SHE'S ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD
EVERYTHING APPEARS TO BE GOING RATHER WELL

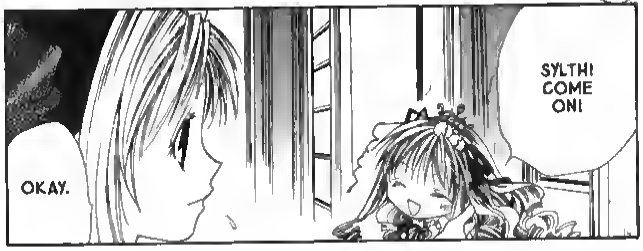
SHE'S FAR FROM PERFECT
SHE STILL NEEDS MORE PRACTICE!

HA HA HA.
MY APOL-OGIES, SERAPHIA.

HOW UNFAIR! YOU KEEPING SYLTH FOR YOURSELF!
HE IS MY FIANCÉE!

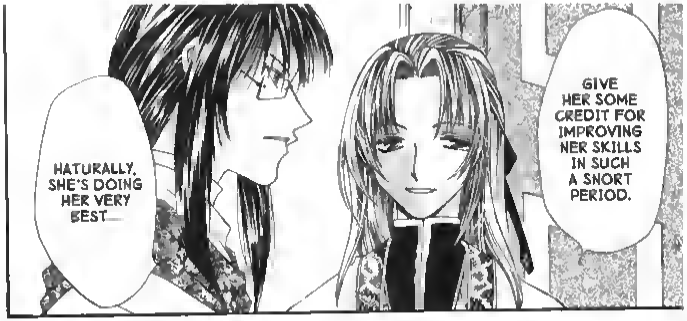
WELL, TODAY IS YOUR BIRTH DAY
SO I WILL BE GENEROUS ENOUGH TO OFFER HIM ON LOAN FOR A LITTLE WHILE

LET'S.
LET'S EAT TOGETH-ER.
ENOUGH WITH YOUR TEASING!


OKAY.
SYLTH! COME ON!

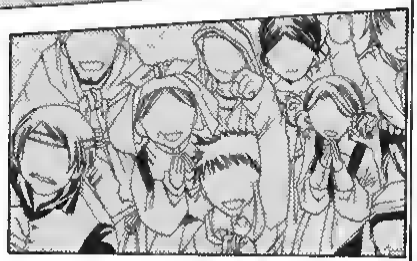
I SHOULDN'T BE WORRIED ABOUT ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.
NOTHING.
YUE? WHAT'S WRONG?
.....?

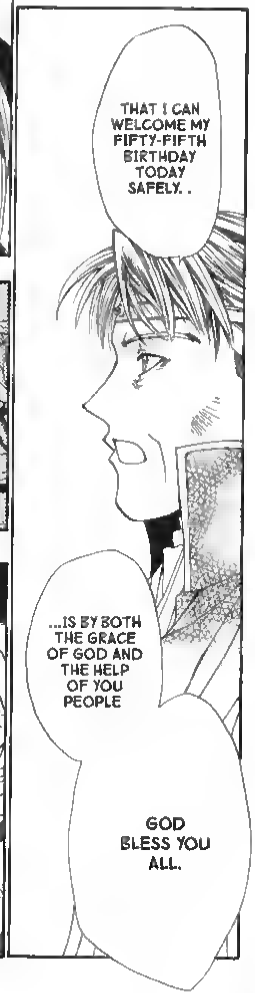
TODAY I OPENED THE FRONT GARDEN
LET'S GREET THE CITIZENS.
WHA--II

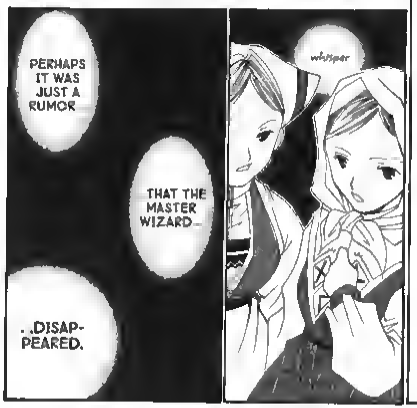

NATURALLY, SHE'S DOING HER VERY BEST...
GIVE HER SOME CREDIT FOR IMPROVING HER SKILLS IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD.

I NEVER EXPECTED HER TO FOOL SERAPHIA.
WHEN THE PRINCESS SHOWED UP, SHE HANDLED THAT WELL, TOO.

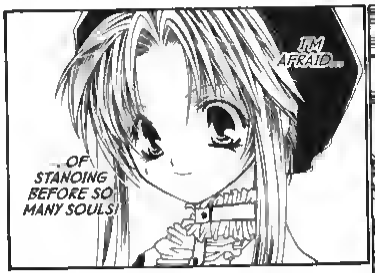
...TRULY AMAZING.
THAT WAS...
SHE BECAME THE PERFECT SYLPHFARN--THE ONE THE PRINCESS KNOWS SO WELL.
DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEIR MEETING WAS COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED...




THAT I CAN WELCOME MY FIFTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY TODAY SAFELY. .
...IS BY BOTH THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE HELP OF YOU PEOPLE
GOD BLESS YOU ALL.


PERHAPS IT WAS JUST A RUMOR...
THAT THE MASTER WIZARD...
...DISAP-PEARED.
whisper

AND THERE, TOO!
WITH EVEN MORE PEOPLE THERE!
THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE!


I'M AFRAID...
...OF STANDING BEFORE SO MANY SOULS!

SO MANY PEOPLE EVERY-WHERE!!!

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

HIS WELLNESS CAN BEST BE PROVED..
...BY THE MAN HIMSELF.
YAY!
NO WAY.
!
OH NO.
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
WHAAAAAAAAAT?!
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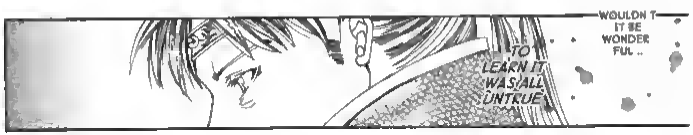
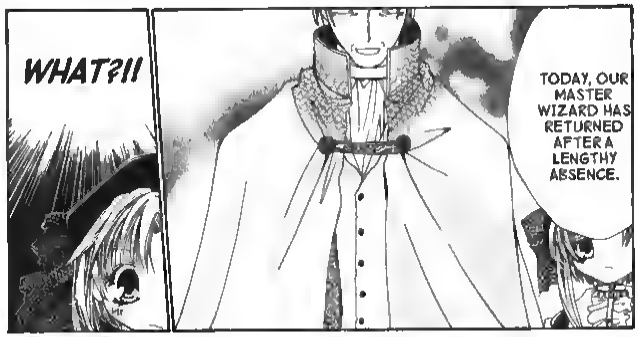
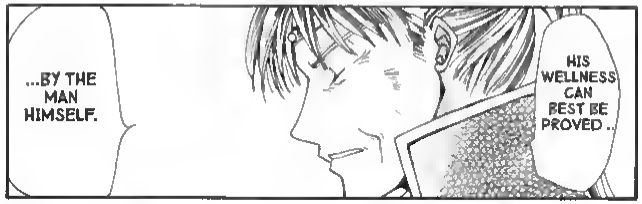

WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL..
TO LEARN IT WAS ALL UNTRUE.


WHAT?!!
TODAY, OUR MASTER WIZARD HAS RETURNED AFTER A LENGTHY ABSENCE.

DURING WHICH HE COULD NOT APPEAR IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC DUE TO UNAVOIDABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.
WHAT?!
I FEAR THAT HEARING SOME BAD RUMORS WORRIED MANY OF YOU.


...BY THE MAN HIMSELF.
HIS WELLNESS CAN BEST BE PROVED..

WHAT DO I DO NOW?!
HE MEANS ME!! THAT HAS TO BE ME!
SO SAID THE KING.

THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS HERE!!

I...
IN FRONT OF SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF PEOPLE.
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY?!
NOBODY INSTRUCTED ME ON ANY OF THIS!
COME UP HERE, SYLTHFARN
Y-YES!

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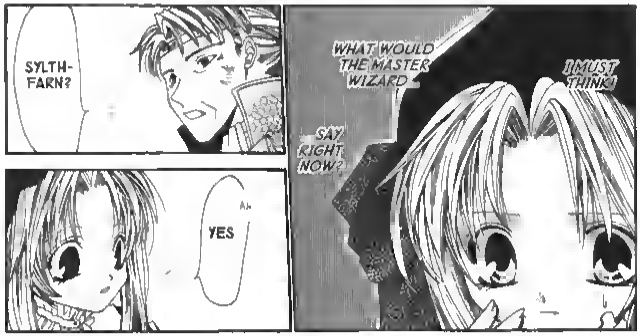

SYLTH-FARN?
YES
WHAT WOULD THE MASTER WIZARD SAY RIGHT NOW?
I MUST THINK!

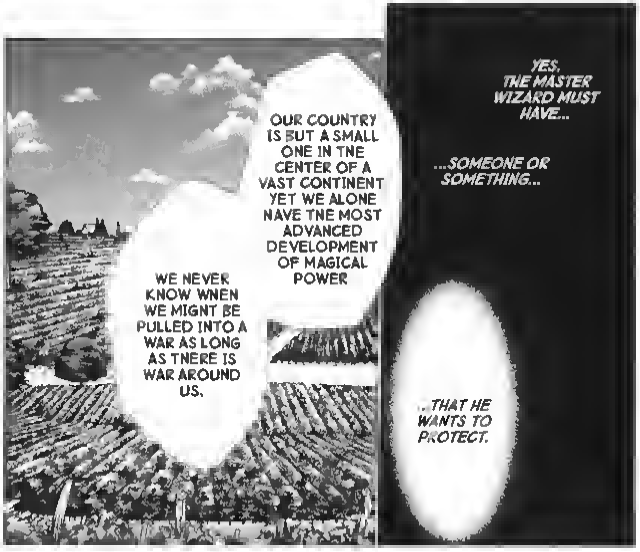
I HAVE NO CHOICE...

...BUT TO JUST GO FOR IT!

...I WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE WHAT IS ON MY MIND RIGHT NOW.
SINCE HIS MAJESTY BIDS ME TO SPEAK...

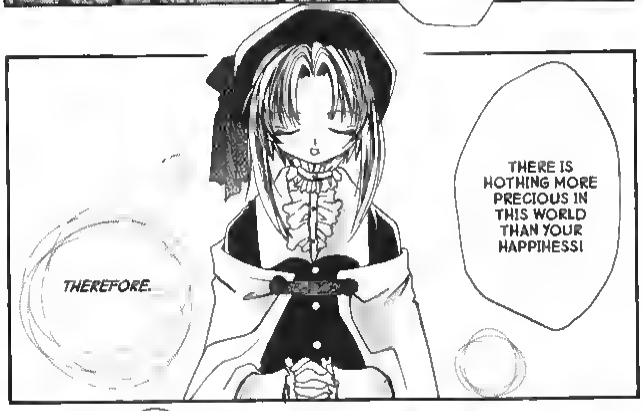
AND SO I APOLOGIZE FOR MY LONG ABSENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF VIEGALD.
AT THIS MOMENT...
...I STAND BEFORE YOU.
RIGHT NOW...

FIRST, I FEEL TREMENDOUS PAIN...
...TO HAVE CAUSED SUCH CONFUSION AMONG YOU FINE CITIZENS...
...SIMPLY BECAUSE I WAS UNABLE TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC.
...THE VERY MAGNITUDE OF MY ROLE HERE IN THIS LAND
YET NOW I FIND MYSELF REFLECTING UPON...
BUT MY TEMPORARY DISAPPEARANCE WAS THE ONLY AVAILABLE COURSE OF ACTION, AS I TRULY HAD TO THINK OF OUR COUNTRY


OUR COUNTRY IS BUT A SMALL ONE IN THE CENTER OF A VAST CONTINENT YET WE ALONE HAVE THE MOST ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT OF MAGICAL POWER
WE NEVER KNOW WHEN WE MIGHT BE PULLED INTO A WAR AS LONG AS THERE IS WAR AROUND US.
YES, THE MASTER WIZARD MUST HAVE...
...SOMEONE OR SOMETHING...
...THAT HE WANTS TO PROTECT.

MAY OUR COUNTRY ALWAYS BE--
FILLED WITH THE SMILES OF OUR PEOPLE!
MY WISH IS TO PROTECT BOTH HIS MAJESTY--WHO HAS JUST GREETED THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH--AND YOUR SMILES--
. WITH THE POWER OF MY MAGIC AND KNOWLEDGE FROM NOW ON.

RIGHT NOW I SEE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM SO VERY CLEARLY
SO MANY VARIED AND BEAUTIFUL EXPRESSIONS.
AND AS I LOOK OUT AT YOU, I SEE SOME OF YOU SMILING, SOME CRYING, OTHERS CHEERING.


THERE IS NOTHING MORE PRECIOUS IN THIS WORLD THAN YOUR HAPPINESS!
THEREFORE...

THEREFORE, I PLEDGE TO YOU TO DO MY BEST
TO FOREVER SAFEGUARD YOUR HAPPINESS

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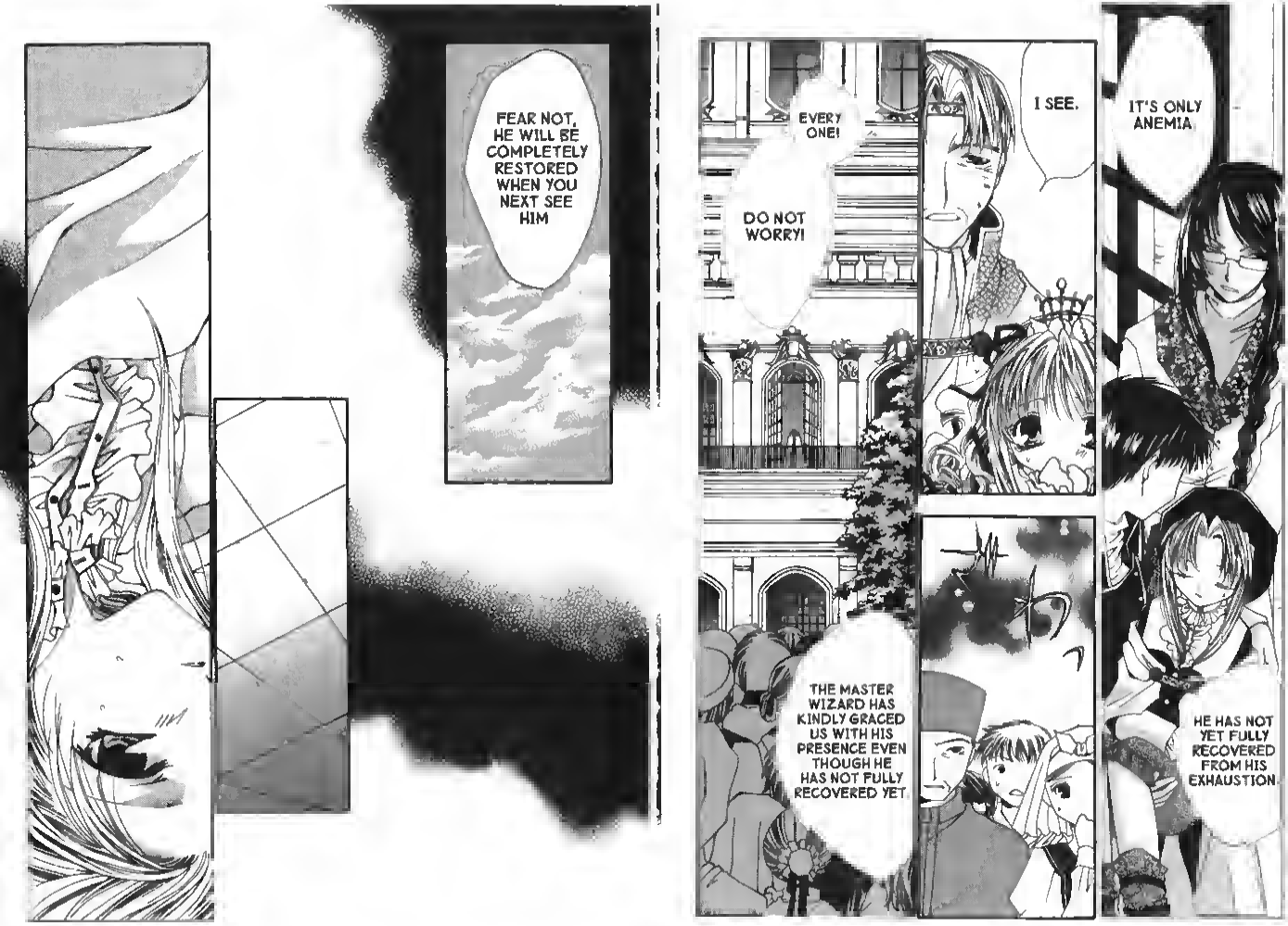
?!
SYLTHFARN!!
WOOZE
I CAN'T SEE VERY WELL
HUH?
WAIT, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
SKY?


FEAR NOT, HE WILL BE COMPLETELY RESTORED WHEN YOU NEXT SEE HIM
EVERY ONE!
DO NOT WORRY!
I SEE.
IT'S ONLY ANEMIA.
THE MASTER WIZARD HAS KINDLY GRACED US WITH HIS PRESENCE EVEN THOUGH HE HAS NOT FULLY RECOVERED YET.
HE HAS NOT YET FULLY RECOVERED FROM HIS EXHAUSTION.

HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
I-I AM TERRIBLY SORRY.
!
SO I PASSED OUT AFTERWARDS, HUH?
OH...
YOUR COLLAPSE WAS A GREAT SURPRISE TO US ALL.
?
STILL GOT THAT SEAL, YOU?
WHAT?!
OH, YOU MEAN YOUR SPEECH?
I SIMPLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
HOW DID I DO?
HONESTLY, I'M FINE NOW. BUT.

YOU'RE AWAKE!
UM?
OH!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SO NERVOUS UP THERE
YOU SLEPT THE WHOLE DAY AWAY.
HUH? I...?
Oh!
YOU'RE AWAKE NOW?
I THOUGHT I WAS JUST GREETING THE WELL-WISHERS...

DID THE PEOPLE DISCOVER THAT I'M NOT THE MASTER?
DID I FAIL IN MY DUTY?
IT WASN'T BAD
DEFI-NITELY AH IMPROVE-MENT FROM WHAT YOU USUALLY DO
SUCH A POWERFUL SPEECH!
REALLY ?!
WHAT?!
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU'RE DUMB
YOU LOOKED JUST LIKE SYLTHFARN
I WAS KIND OF MOVED BY YOUR WORDS
WHEN YOU SAID, "PROTECT YOUR SMILES"..

TRY TO SLEEP AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
ANYWAYS, GOOD JOB, MERLEAWE.
FOR NOW.
SO, IT WENT WELL?!
IT'S A RELIEF TO ME TO LEARN THAT YOU'RE FINE
WE WOULD BE IN REAL TROUBLE IF WE LOST YOU RIGHT NOW.
WELL.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
OKAY.
I'M SO RELIEVED NOW

OH MY..

growl

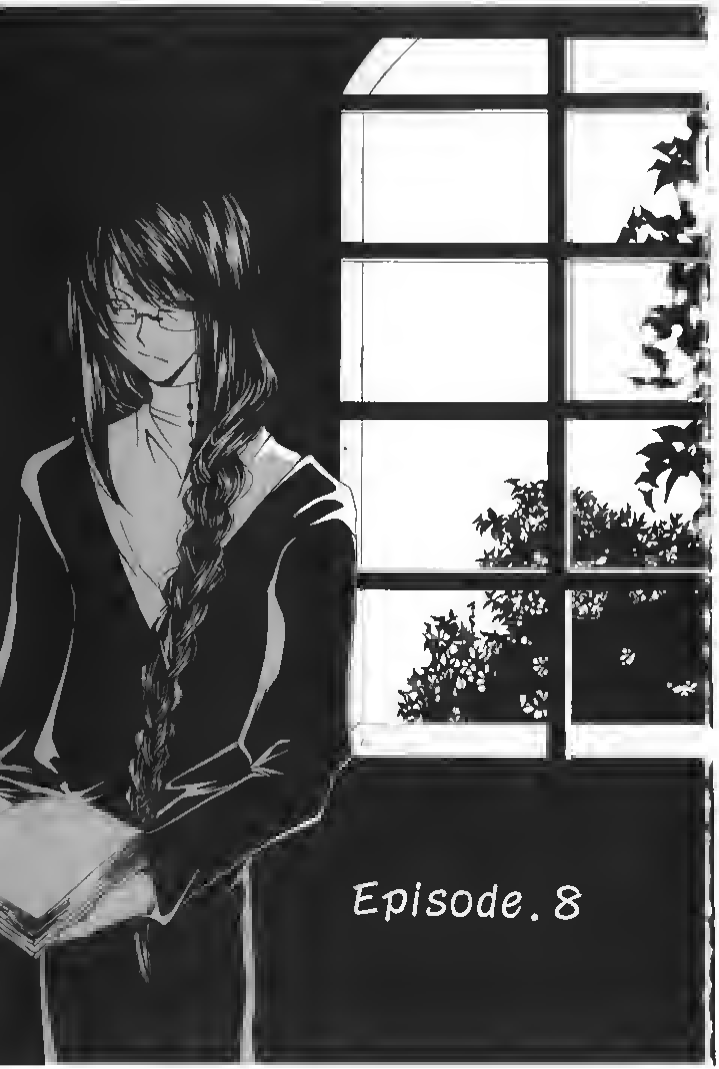
AS I BEGAN TO SAY EARLIER...
EH?
I'LL BRING YOU SOMETHING EASY ON YOUR TUMMY...
TO START OFF WITH.
THANK YOU.

YES?
CAN YOU BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU PLEDGED THERE- CAN YOU PROTECT THE KING AND THE PEOPLE OF VIEGALD?
IN FACT SYLTH OFTEN SPOKE ABOUT THE VERY SAME THINGS YOU MENTIONED BUT, MEL?
YOU TRULY DID RISE TO THE OCCASION.

.....
OH.

REALLY? HOW SILLY!
EARLIER I SAW HIM STAMPING THE PERSONAL SEAL BUT MISSING THE PAPER
YUE TRULY CARES, YOU KNOW

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT
GET BACK TO WORK!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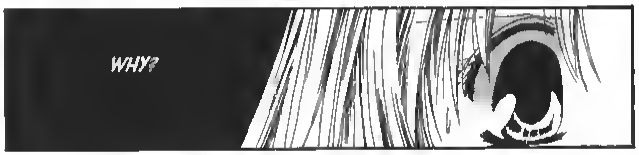
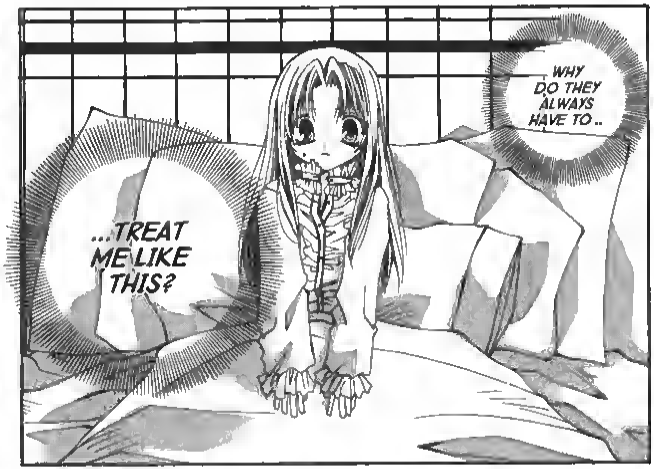
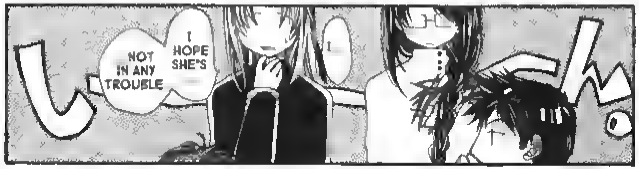
NO. YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PALE SUBSTITUTION FOR SYLTH.
I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT.


WHY?


...TREAT ME LIKE THIS?
WHY DO THEY ALWAYS HAVE TO..


I HOPE SHE'S NOT IN ANY TROUBLE

MAYBE SHE JUST TOOK OFF.
.....

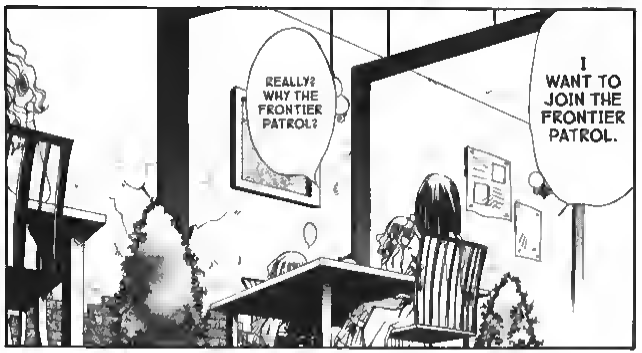
DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?
YOU!
.....
WHAT?!

.....

WHERE IS MER-LEAWE?
SHE'S LATE.

COULD SHE BE PLAYING HOOKY?
NO WAY!
SHE'S VERY HARD-WORKING!
.....

"CAN YOU BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU PLEDGED THERE?"
"NO. YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PALE SUBSTITUTION FOR SYLH."
"I CAN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT."
WELL...


REALLY? WHY THE FRONTIER PATROL?
I WANT TO JOIN THE FRONTIER PATROL.

I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING!
FERN...
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING!
Eva!

FERN.

.....

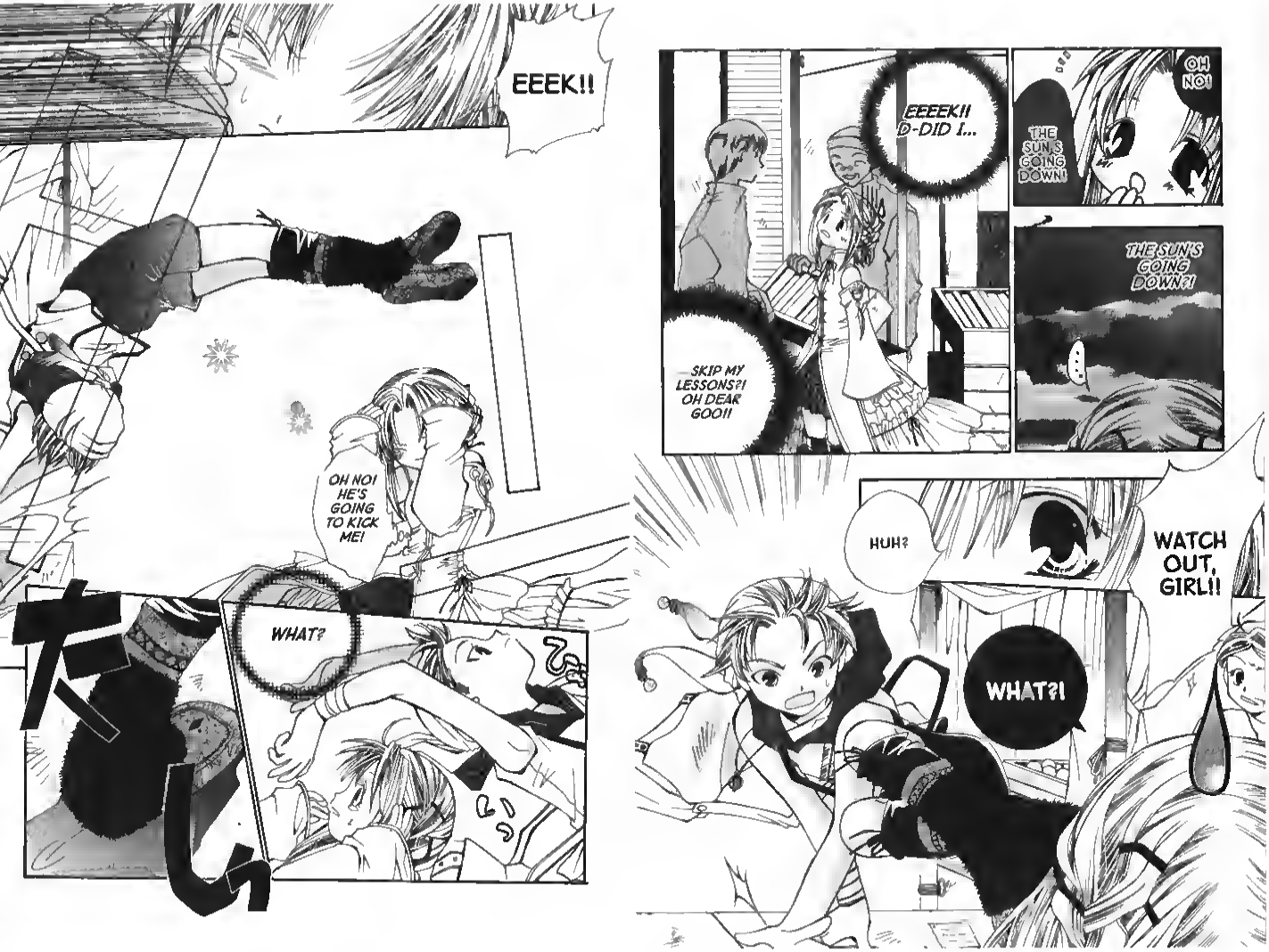
THAT SOUNDS WONDER-FUL!
I'O LIKE TO BE...
GLOMP
DOES FERN HATE THAT I DRESS UP LIKE THE MASTER?
'CAUSE THEN I'D BE CLOSER TO MY FAMILY.
WHAT-EVER IT IS...
OR IS ALL MY EFFORT SIMPLY NOT GOOD ENOUGH?
I UNDER-STAND THAT, BUT...
I REALIZE THAT I'M JUST A SUBSTI-TUTION...
...UNTIL THE MASTER WIZARD RETURNS.
WHAT?
HOW ABOUT YOU, MEL?
OH GREAT! I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT SHE SAID!
I PROMISED THAT I WOULD PLAY THE PART TO PERFECTION!!
WELL IT'S BECAUSE
WHAT?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A WIZARD?
WAIT A MINUTE!
MAYBE YOU'LL UNCOVER WHAT KIND OF WIZARD YOU'RE DESTINED TO BECOME THROUGH YOUR STUDIES.
I...
YEAH, I GUESS MAYBE THAT COULD BE MY ANSWER
THAT'D BE COOL!
THE RESULTS OF WHICH BROUGHT ME HERE.
FUNNY, I HAVE NO IDEA. I JUST HAPPENED TO BE ABLE TO USE SOME MAGIC AND SO I WAS TOLD TO TAKE A FEW TESTS.

WHAT IN THE WORLD?!
YOU SAID THAT TO HER?!
...NEVER THOUGHT...
...OF WHY...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU CAN'T DEMAND SYLTH'S TALENT JUST YET.
.....
HE'S RIGHT, FERN. REMEMBER, SHE WAS KIND ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THIS IMPOSSIBLE TASK FOR US.

LOOK, I WAS JUST IRRITATED.
AND WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE.
BUT SHE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT SYLTHFARN WOULD HAVE SAID THERE.
SHE SAID THE RIGHT THINGS TO THE PEOPLE
SHE MUST HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING SO MUCH INSIDE TO COME UP WITH JUST THE RIGHT WORDS
MAYBE SHE WAS EVEN EXPECTING A REWARD FOR DOING SO WELL UNDER ALL THAT PRESSURE
SHE'S PROBABLY ...NOT THINKING ABOUT ANY SUCH THING

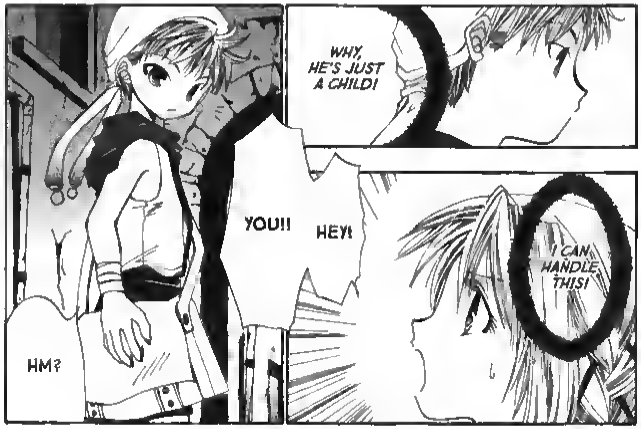
I GIVE HER CREDIT FOR THOSE POINTS
SHE HAS INNATE SIMILAR-ITIES.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW...
...ANY-THING.
WE CAN'T REWARD HER WITH ANYTHING JUST YET
THE FACT IS...
DAMN IT!
SHE DOESH'T EVEN KNOW SYLTH!
I WAS SO MAD AT HER!
AND YET SHE HAS HIS FACE AND SAYS THE SAME THINGS HE WOULD!

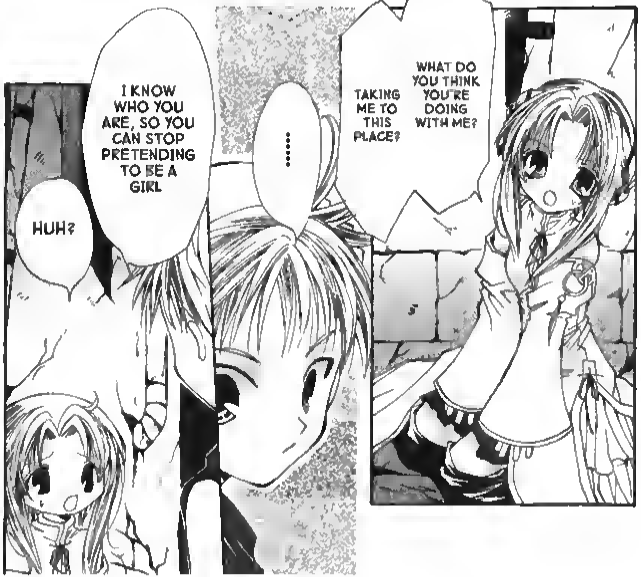
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU USED TO BOAST ABOUT BEING HIS FIRST FOLLOWER
YOU'RE JEALOUS, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!!
HMPH!
SYLTH AND I ARE EQUALS!
VAITH!!
I SAID WAIT!!
DARCH!!!
WAIT!!
I'M GOING TO LOOK AROUND INSIDE THE CASTLE.
OKAY OKAY
COULD IT BE
THAT YOU WERE JEALOUS OF HER ABILITY TO SPEAK LIKE SYLTH SO NATURALLY?
YEAH.
OR THAT YOU'RE AFRAID SHE'S CLOSER TO SYLTH THAN YOU ARE?
LET'S GO LOOK FOR HER TOGETHER!
YOU MUST REALIZE THAT..
..IT'S NOT HER FAULT, DON'T YOU?


EEEK!!
OH NO! HE'S GOING TO KICK ME!
WHAT?
EEEEK!! D-DID I...
SKIP MY LESSONS?! OH DEAR GOD!!
THE SUN'S GOING DOWN!
OH NO!
THE SUN'S GOING DOWN?!
HUH?
WHAT?!
WATCH OUT, GIRL!!

WAIT A MINUTE! ARE YOU--?
YES?
HEY!
DAMN IT!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
EH?
WHY?!
RUN!!

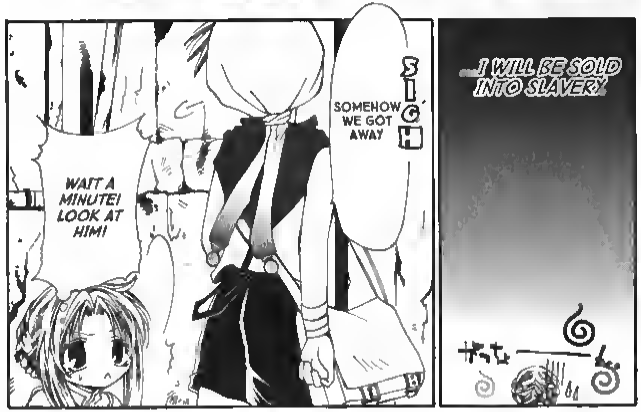
WHA...
...WHAT'S GOING ON?!
Not again!
WHAT IN THE WORLD?!


WHY, HE'S JUST A CHILD!
YOU!!
HEY!
I CAN HANDLE THIS!
HM?


I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, SO YOU CAN STOP PRETENDING TO BE A GIRL
HUH?
.....
TAKING ME TO THIS PLACE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH ME?

WHERE AM I?!
WH...

AND THIS TIME, SURELY..
AM I KIDNAPPED ONCE AGAIN?!


WAIT A MINUTE! LOOK AT HIM!
SIGH
SOMEHOW WE GOT AWAY
I WILL BE SOLD INTO SLAVERY

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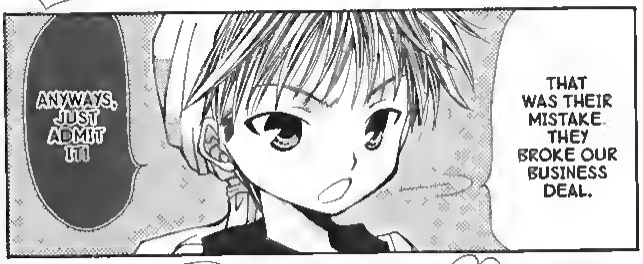
OO YOU ALWAYS DRESS UP LIKE A GIRL OUTSIDE?
?!!
YOU'RE THE MASTER WIZARD, AREN'T YOU?
I WAS RIGHT IN THE FRONT ROW WHEN YOU GAVE THAT SPEECH AT THE CASTLE
I ALREADY KNOW THE TRUTH. SO QUIT TRYING TO HIDE IT FROM ME
I AM NOT!
NO.
I SAID...
I AM NOT THE MASTER!

OKAY.
HERE GO INSIDE.
.....
ALL THESE SMALL CHILDREN...
...IN THIS DARK PLACE?
THE MEDICINE WORKED AND SHE'S SLEEPING RIGHT NOW
WHERE'S KARITA?

WAIT, HOW COME THOSE MEN WERE CHASING YOU?!
I AM NOT THE MASTER WIZARD!!
LISTEN TO ME!

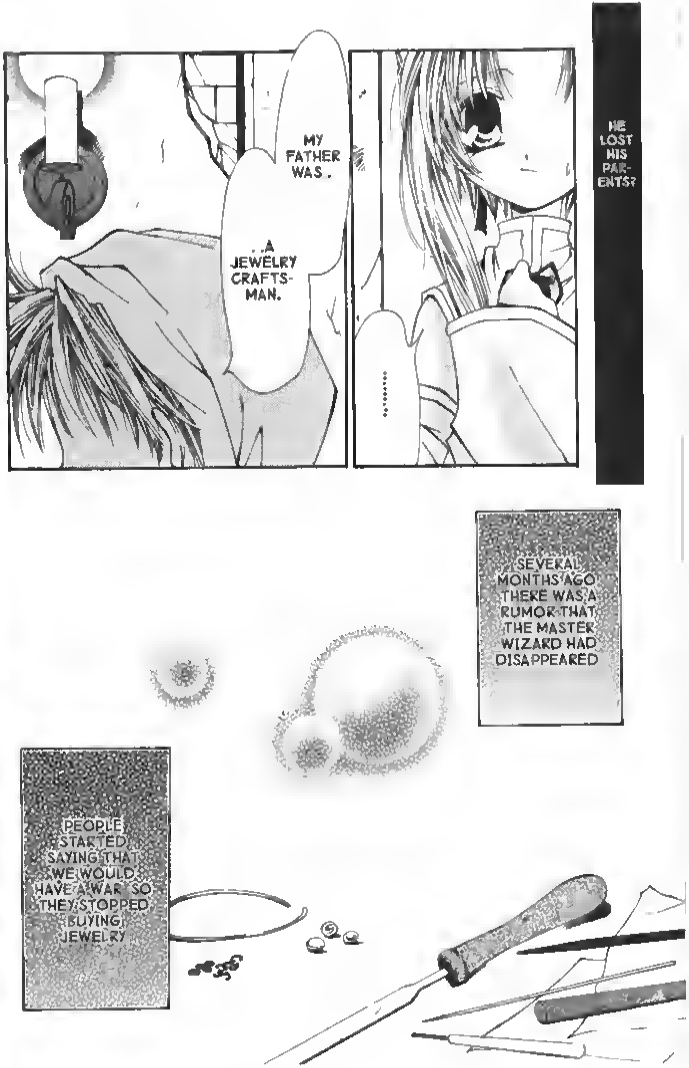

ANYWAYS, JUST ADMIT IT!
THAT WAS THEIR MISTAKE. THEY BROKE OUR BUSINESS DEAL.

I LOST THEM...
A LONG TIME AGO
HOW?

WHERE ARE YOUR PARENTS?
WELL...
ARE THESE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS? IT'S DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO BE OUTSIDE RIGHT NOW.
I SUPPOSE THEY ARE MY SIBLINGS, EVEN THOUGH...
WE'RE NOT BLOOD-RELATED

WH-WHAT'S ALL THIS?
HEY, KIDS! HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD?
YOU'RE HOME!
SHATO! I'M HUNGRY!
SHATO!

YOU SHOULD BE IN BED ALREADY.
I'M HOME, SHATO.
HEY! DAD!
SOON HE HAD TO START WORKING ANOTHER JOB.
SO HE WANDERED ABOUT HOPING TO MAKE A SALE UNTIL VERY LATE EACH NIGHT.
ACCESSORY STORES STARTED CLOSING DOWN. SUDDENLY, MY FATHER COULDN'T SELL HIS WORK.
CRASH
?!
AND EVENTUALLY,
DAD!
DAD!! PLEASE WAKE UP!
DAD


MY FATHER WAS...
...A JEWELRY CRAFTSMAN.
.....
HE LOST HIS PARENTS?
SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS A RUMOR THAT THE MASTER WIZARD HAD DISAPPEARED
PEOPLE STARTED SAYING THAT WE WOULD HAVE A WAR SO THEY STOPPED BUYING JEWELRY

DON'T WORRY!
BEFORE HE DIED, HE LEFT ME A MESSAGE.
I SAW YOUR WORK EARLIER.
YOUR CRAFT IS STILL ROUGH, BUT IN NO TIME, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SELL AT ANY STORE IN THE CITY SO LONG AS YOU KEEP PRACTICING.
I GUARANTEE IT
AND THEN I FOUND MYSELF ALONE.
WHAT BEAUTIFUL JEWELRY!
DAD!
I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I'LL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ADMIRE YOUR FINE WORK.
FORGIVE ME, MY SON

MY GOD...
I AM SO SORRY.
HE WAS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MALNUTRITION AND EXTREME FATIGUE

WHAT?
BUT I MUST.
WAIT!
EEEK!
EH?
HEY!
WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US FOR SUPPER? I'M A GREAT COOK!
OH! AND YOU MUST MEET KARITA!
SHE'LL BE SURPRISED TO DINE WITH THE MASTER WIZARD!
HI, SHATO. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU GUYS ARE HAVING FUN.
I'M HOME, KARITA!
HELLO
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU
OH, NO! NOT AT ALL!

TH...
THANK YOU.
WHAT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME TO MY HOUSE?
KARITA SAVED ME.
I SEE.
SO MS KARITA SAVED THE OTHER CHILDREN AS WELL, DIDN'T SHE?

LOOK! I BROUGHT YOU THE REAL MASTER WIZARD TODAY!
AH!
JUST WAIT FOR ME...
UNTIL I BRING OUT THE DINNER, OKAY?
WOW!
THIS IS SO GOOD!

SURE!
WILL YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF THE DISHES? I'D BETTER BRING SOME FOOD IN TO KARITA.
TASTY, ISN'T IT?
NOW!
Y-YES.
I GUESS I'M SORT OF HIS FRIEND
EVEN THOUGH HE DID KIDNAP ME
ARE YOU A FRIEND OF SHATO'S?
HUH?

SHATO
YOU MAKE SUCH BEAUTIFUL PIECES
SOMEONE BOUGHT ALL MY JEWELRY!
BUT I ALREADY EXPLAINED EVERY-THING TO YOU!

I APPRECIATE HOW HARD YOU'RE WORKING FOR EVERYONE.
BUT PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING BAD.
BUT I KNOW YOU DIDN'T EARN THIS MONEY FROM SELLING ANY OF THEM.
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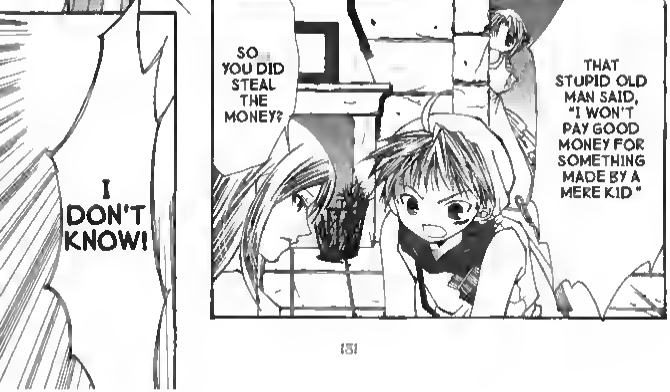
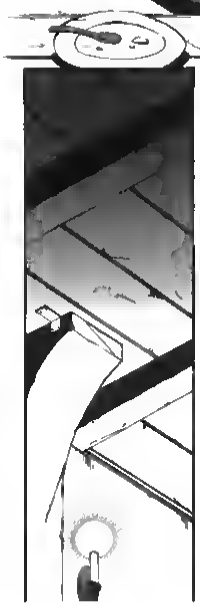
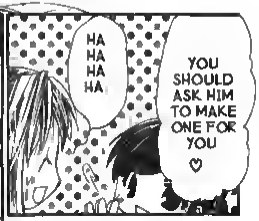
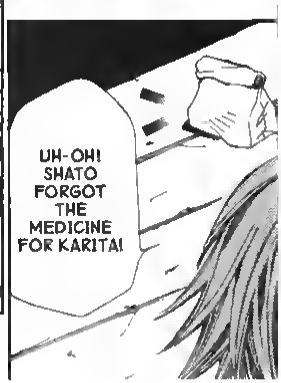

I DON'T KNOW!
SO YOU DID STEAL THE MONEY?
THAT STUPID OLD MAN SAID, "I WON'T PAY GOOD MONEY FOR SOMETHING MADE BY A MERE KID."

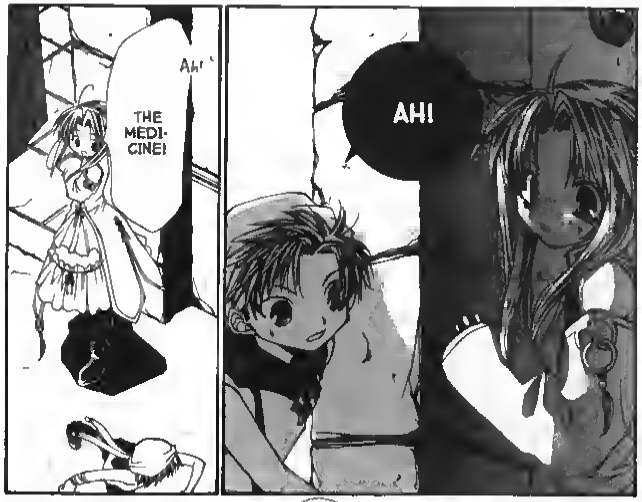
LOOK, LOOK! ♡
SHATO MADE THIS FOR ME!
WOW! HOW CUTE! HE REALLY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB!
Hee hee!
A dove?



REALLY?
I'LL BRING IT.

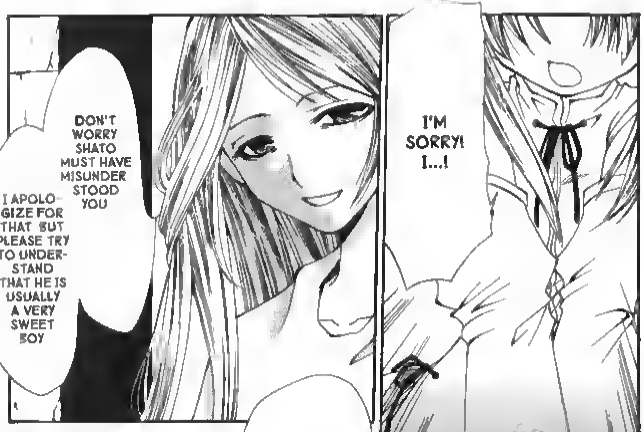

HA HA HA HA
YOU SHOULD ASK HIM TO MAKE ONE FOR YOU ♡


UH-OH! SHATO FORGOT THE MEDICINE FOR KARITA!


AH!
THE MEDI-CINE!
AH!

I'M SO SORRY THAT THIS HAD TO HAPPEN DURING YOUR VISIT.
UM.

I'M.
I'M NOT THE MASTER WIZARD.

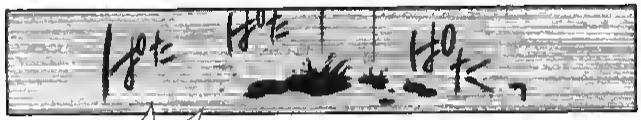

I'M SORRY! I...!
I KNOW HE ONLY DID THIS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT THE OTHER CHILDREN TO GO HUNGRY
BUT THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY
AH.
DON'T WORRY SHATO MUST HAVE MISUNDER STOOD YOU
I APOLO-GIZE FOR THAT BUT PLEASE TRY TO UNDER-STAND THAT HE IS USUALLY A VERY SWEET BOY

SO THAT'S WHY.
...HE WAS RUNNING AWAY.
I TOOK HIM IN.
I THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER DO BAD THINGS LIKE THAT AGAIN.

SHATO...
KARITA !!

THE MASTER WIZARD!
AREN'T YOU THE BEST WIZARO IN ALL THE LANO?! YOU MUST HELP HER!
I HAVE SOME MONEY SAVEO! PLEASE! CURE HER!

BUT THEN I GOT SICK LIKE THIS--

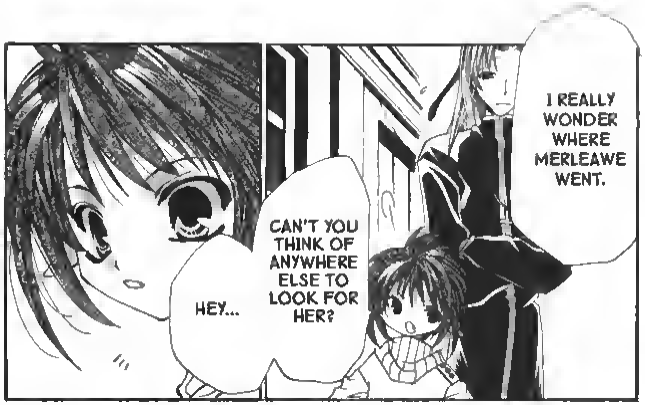


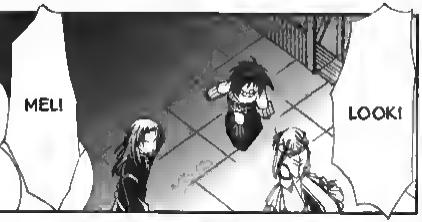
?!!
MS. KARITA?!
BLOOO?!

WHAT'S WRONG?
PLEASE!
SOMEBOOY HELP HER!!
SOME-BOOY!!
SHATO!!

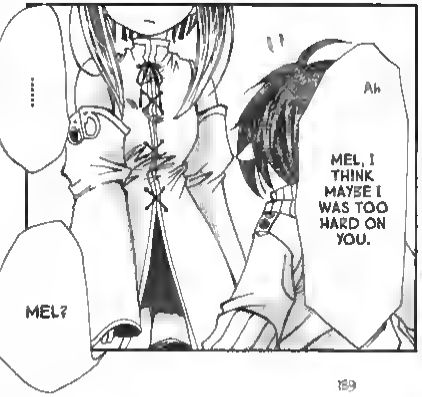
I-I...
I CAN'TI BECAUSE I'M NOT--
I'LL PAY YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES. I WILL PAY YOU BACK!
SO PLEASE! PLEASE DON'T LET HER DIE!
PLEASE! SAVE HER!
BUT..
I'LL DO ANYTHING! PLEASE HELP HER!!
I PROMISE YOU I WON'T STEAL OR DO BAD THINGS EVER AGAIN!

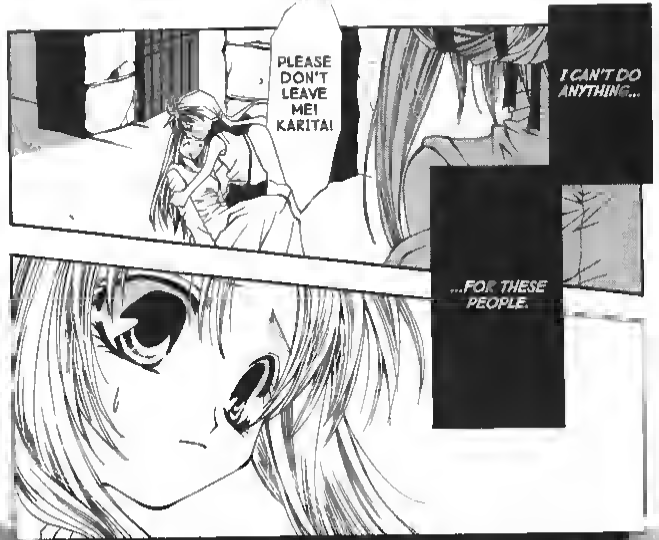
HEY, KARITA?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD WHAT I'M SAYING!
I AM NOT THE REAL MASTER WIZARD!
KARITA?
HE CAN'T..
I...
SO SORRY TO LEAVE YOU ALL..
I'M SORRY, SHATO..
I'M GOING TO BECOME THE BEST CRAFTSMAN EVER! ONE YOU WILL BE PROUD OF!
...HEAR MY VOICE.
PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T DIE! KARITA!

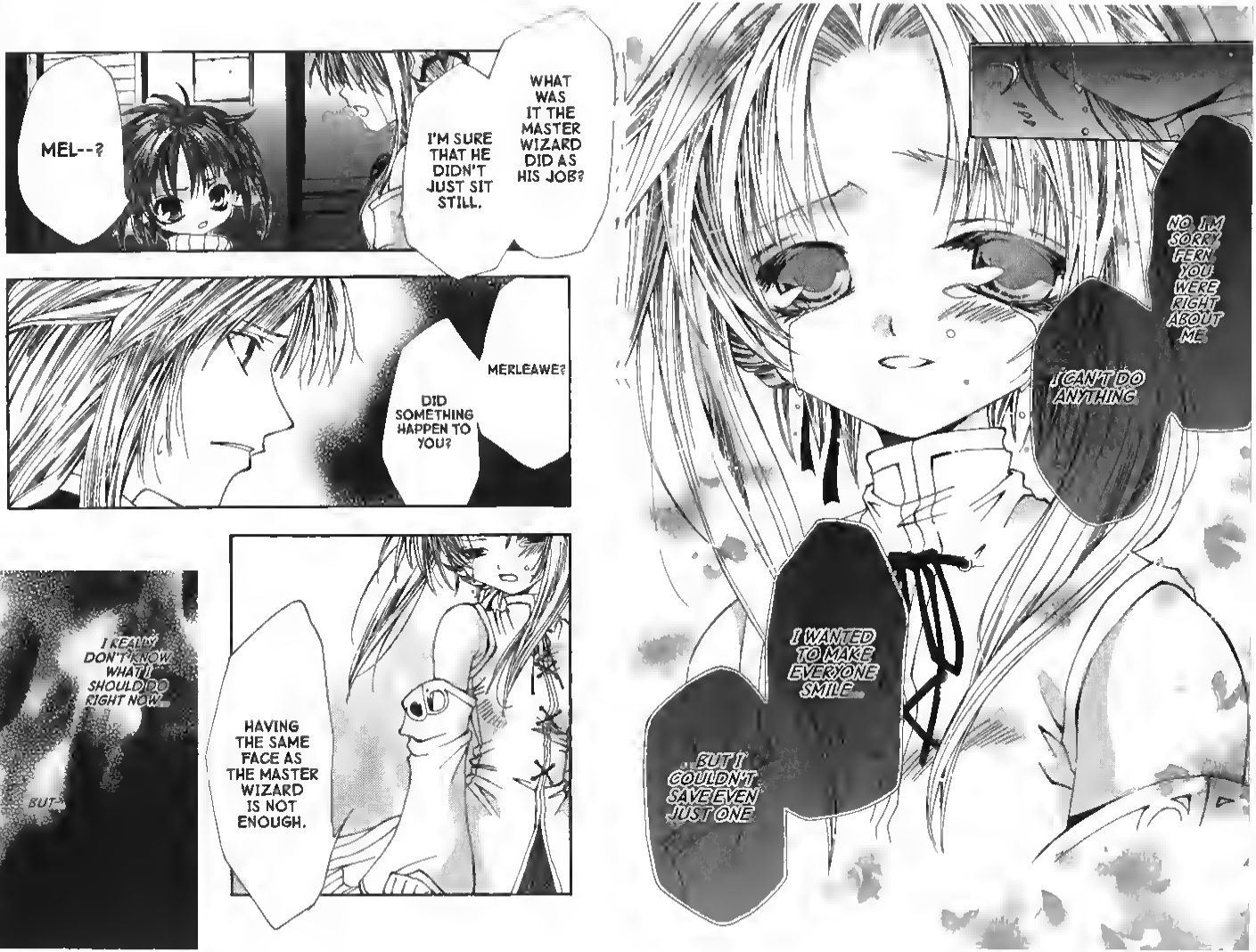

I REALLY WONDER WHERE MERLEAWE WENT.
CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYWHERE ELSE TO LOOK FOR HER?
HEY...


MEL!
LOOK!

MERLEAWE!


Ah
MEL, I THINK MAYBE I WAS TOO HARD ON YOU.
.....
MEL?


PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME! KARITA!
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
...FOR THESE PEOPLE.


MEL--?
I'M SURE THAT HE DIDN'T JUST SIT STILL.
WHAT WAS IT THE MASTER WIZARD DID AS HIS JOB?
MERLEAWE?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU?
I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO RIGHT NOW...
BUT...
HAVING THE SAME FACE AS THE MASTER WIZARD IS NOT ENOUGH.
NO, I'M SORRY, FERN. YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT ME.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
I WANTED TO MAKE EVERYONE SMILE...
BUT I COULDN'T SAVE EVEN JUST ONE

I CAN'T PROTECT ANYONE UNTIL I BECOME MORE LIKE THE MASTER!
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MASTER WIZARD!
ONE WHO CAN PROTECT THE SMILES OF ALL PEOPLE WITHIN MY REACH.
AND I WANT TO BECOME A WIZARD MYSELF.

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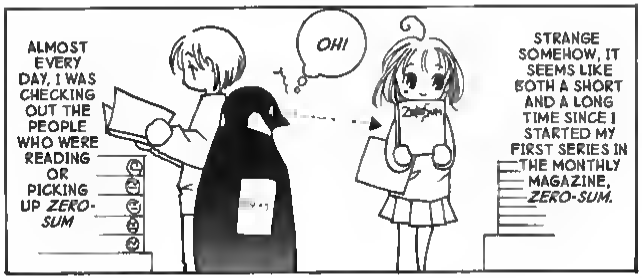
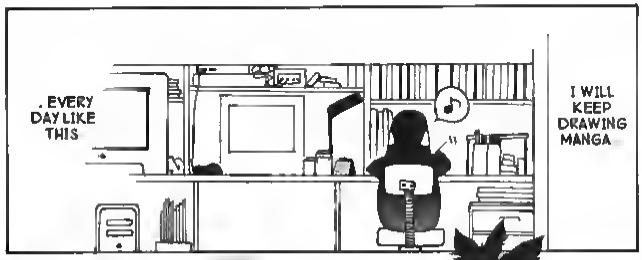
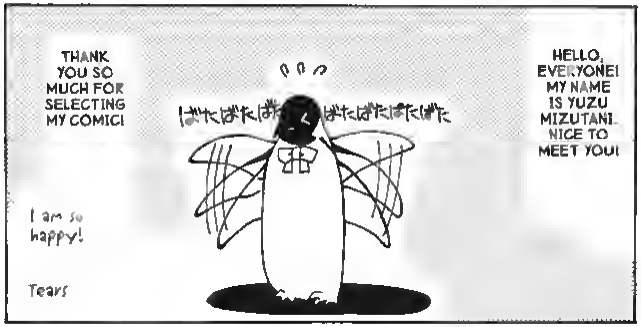
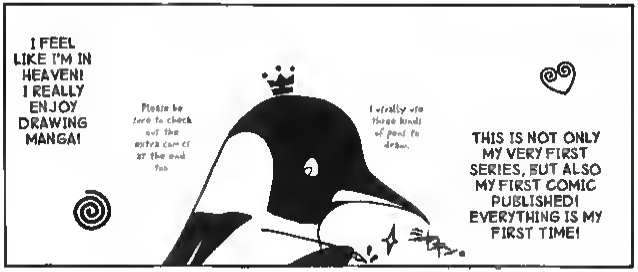

ALMOST EVERY DAY, I WAS CHECKING OUT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE READING OR PICKING UP ZERO-SUM
OH!
STRANGE SOMEHOW, IT SEEMS LIKE BOTH A SHORT AND A LONG TIME SINCE I STARTED MY FIRST SERIES IN THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE, ZERO-SUM.


. EVERY DAY LIKE THIS
I WILL KEEP DRAWING MANGA

I WILL DO MY BEST TO CONTINUE THIS SERIES WITH MERLEAWE, SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Postscript


THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SELECTING MY COMIC!
HELLO, EVERYONE! MY NAME IS YUZU MIZUTANI. NICE TO MEET YOU!
I am so happy!
Tears


I FEEL LIKE I'M IN HEAVEN! I REALLY ENJOY DRAWING MANGA!
THIS IS NOT ONLY MY VERY FIRST SERIES, BUT ALSO MY FIRST COMIC PUBLISHED! EVERYTHING IS MY FIRST TIME!

I would really appreciate it if you would write me with any of your questions, thoughts or opinions

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To my readers...
To my editors...
To everyone at the editorial department...

To Cherry-chan, Tacci, Sene-kun, who helped all my work...

Thank you so much, everyone! ☺

Yuzu Mizutani

I hope you enjoyed volume one of Magical x Miracle! Please enjoy volume two as well!

My Daily Dilemma continued

STAY-ING INSIDE ALL DAY

I merely wanted someone to ask if she really a woman?

JUST KID-DING!

MY LEGS SWELL UP

MY WHOLE BODY GETS STIFF!

crackle

Your shoulder is hard as rock

Really?

I START HAVING MUSCLE ACHES

Actually, I really do love working out!

Maybe I should hit the gym

Sorry there wasn't any punch line

Pith

Vaith

height → 185cm

hair → Black...?

eyes → light gray

blood type → O

Love & Peace

Merleawe

height → 152cm

hair → violet silver

eyes → pale blue

blood type → A

My Daily Dilemma

bow

HELLO I'M YUZU MIZUTANI NICE TO MEET YOU

LETS TALK ABOUT MY EVERY DAY LIFE

SO I TEND TO STAY AT HOME ALL DAY

I HAVE TO PRO-DUCE A MONTHLY SERIES NOW

I must head out and see my editor today

Huh? Where's my mirror?

RECENTLY I RAN INTO A SERIOUS PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THAT

I'M GROWING A MUS-TACHE!

Oh my god!

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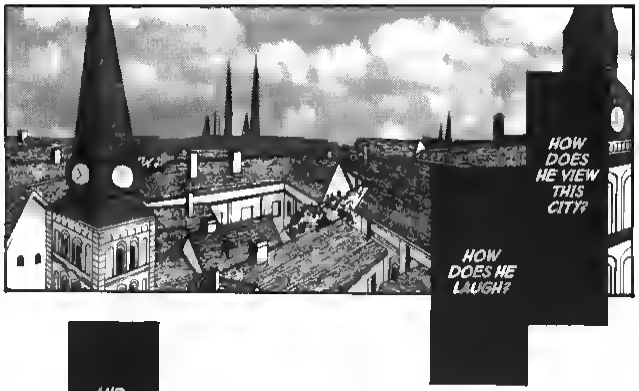

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